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April 21, 1941.

Mr. Walter Winchell
Daily Mirror,
235 E. 45th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Perhaps the enclosed photostatic copies may be of some help to you in your wonderful work of uncovering subversive activities in this country.

They appeared in the April 14 issue of the Staten Island Advance - the advertisement on page 5 and the news item on page 2. The revelation is that the draftee who failed to appear for induction in the Army is an alleged conscientious objector and the son of the head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee. Is it possible that the listed speakers at the rally are condoning slackers? If so, how can this meeting be a "patriotic rally"?

One amusing sidelight is the headline of the advertisement "Defend America! Stay Out of War!" If the America First Committee is behind conscientious objectors we will have to stay out of war. But the question is how can we "Defend America"?

Another alarming thing about this case is that the alleged conscientious objector is in a job in which he can, no doubt, do some real good sabotage work.

I would appreciate it if my name was not used at this time.

Very truly yours,

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Defend America! Stay Out of War!

COME TO THE MONSTER
Patriotic Rally
SUNDAY -- APRIL 20

at
TEMPLE HALL, ANDERSON AVE.

Port Richmond 8:00 P. M.

SPEAKERS

HON. CHARLES TOBEY

U. S. Senator of New Hampshire

HON. JAMES A. O'LEARY

U. S. Congressman—Staten Island's Own

MISS JEANNETTE RANKIN

U. S. Congresswoman—from Montana

Who Are the America First Committee?

GEN. ROBERT W. WOOD

Acting Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, 1918-19.

MRS. BENNET CHAMP CLARK

Wife of U. S. Senator Clark of Missouri.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON

Former Head of N.R.A.

MRS. BURTON K. WHEELER

Wife of U. S. Senator Wheeler of Montana.

FRANK O. LOWDEN

Former Governor of Illinois.

MRS. ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH

Daughter of Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt.

HANFORD MacNIDER

Former National Commander of the American Legion.

IRVING S. COBB

Nationally known newspaper man and author.

MISS LILLIAN GISH

Prominent Motion Picture Star.

MAJOR ALFORD J. WILLIAMS

U. S. Army Aviator and Writer.

And Hundreds of Other Patriotic Americans.

This Ad Inserted by S. J. Chapter, America First Committee.

Draftee's Case Given Attorney

The U. S. District Court in Brooklyn has been informed of the refusal of Howard L. Humphreys to represent a draftee, who has been ordered to report for duty in the Army, and is expected to take action against him shortly, was disclosed today.

Joseph P. Ryan, who took over the "Madison" Hotel, said and the Brooklyn State Company, ordered by Local Draft Board 29, report for duty last Monday, when he failed to appear, getting a formal notice giving him 48 hours to change his mind.

James W. Ward, chairman of the local board, explained that the draftee, in the case of Humphreys, had refused to go to the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn.

The draftee, a construction worker, is the son of Mrs. L. J. Humphreys, head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee. Before being ordered to report for induction, he was refused deferment by his local board, once on a medical certificate, and again on an occupational claim.

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April 28th, 1941.

President of the
United States.

My dear Mr President,

I feel it is my honorable duty as an American Citizen to acquaint you with my knowledge of facts concerning a certain person.

The person in question is a divorcee from the South, of German descent, has lived for quite some time in New York City, previously in Florida and other places.

This person appears to be quite influential with the "America First". -It seems she is furious with a certain Senator of the South, accusing him of selling out the South. She intended to write and denounce him, but on finding he had too many backers to tackle the affair herself, she handed it over for "America First" to take care of it.

Her attitude is very antagonistic and hostile toward the head Executives of our Government, greatly opposed to the "Lend Lease Bill" corresponded with Senator Wheeler, about the matter - which was acknowledged by him - and now vehemently opposing the measure of aiding Great Britain in any way; wrote Senator Tobey, urging against convoys for Great Britain, Senator Tobey, replied, Thanking her for her aid, Last week I am given to understand- she wrote Senator Walsh, endeavouring to bring about the impeachment of our President, on the ground of a traitor to his Country. Calls the President a Jew, and other horrible names- I'll not type - also, none of the family are any good; frequently expresses her wish and hope "That some morn- ing when she awakes she will hear that he "The President" has been assassin- ated.

Secretary Hull, Secretary Knox, and other members of the Cabinet, including Mayor LaGuardia, of New York City, should be thrown out of office, they are Jews, Communists, traitors to their Country, and this Country will never be at peace until such a man as Hitler, will drive the Jews, out of this Country. The Government should not permit Jewish refugees to enter this Country, it is due to the Jews, and the people at the head of this Government - "THAT THERE IS A WAR" - Let Great Britain & the others fight their own battles, let this Country mind her own business, and place such people at the head of this Government who will keep us out of war; these and many other rebellious and denouncing statements are often said, and this person attend meetings particularly those anti Roosevelt.

I have stated enough for you to realize my reason for taking the privilege of writing you.

The name of the person in question - [REDACTED] New York City.

I believe you will find a record of her for selling liquor during "Prohibition" - I understand she once had a Night Club - and of late she is figuring in a case in the Bronx, N.Y. City, having to do with some Nursing Agency, trying to have their license revoked, however, it appears the Agency has brought or is bringing a case against her for having taken from their office two record books. - I do not know enough about this case to explain in detail - it is beside the point - I have simply mentioned it so as to make it possible for you to find out about her. I believe the last hearing was not in her favor

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therefore, Mayer LaGuardia, some judges and lawyers were stamped as crooks, Communists and the whole Government corrupt.

For the safety of our Executives and our Country, I believe that the movements and actions of persons who are so rebellious, vindictive, hostile, stirring up dangerous trouble should be carefully and closely watched before it is too late.

May God bless our America, and our President, and keep the light of democracy shining brightly, always.

I have the honor to remain,

yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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May 8, 1941

Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
New York, New York

RE: [REDACTED] b7c

Internal Security - C

Dear Sirs:

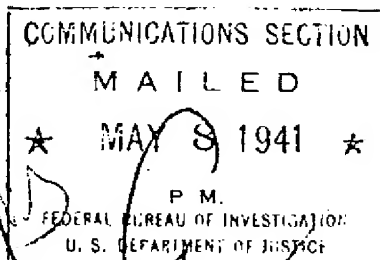
For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication addressed to the President, which was received at the Bureau on May 1, 1941, together with the original envelope postmarked April 23, 1941, at New York, New York, by reference from the White House.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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N.Y. City, N.Y.
April 27, 1941

Dear Sir;

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[REDACTED] is a full
Fledged member of the so-called America First Committee. He sold
tickets for the recent meeting to hear Lindburg - he hates all things
British, wants to see them licked hard, he hates President Rossevelt
and hopes to see him dead . He is sure Hitler of some kind of
world savior - etc. etc. It seems to me you should know of his
activitie - since he is holding a job that a decent American could
do better.

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May 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE

There are being transmitted herewith copies of an anonymous communication received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation April 29, 1941, in an envelope postmarked April 28, 1941, at New York, New York.

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It will be noted that this letter makes reference to an individual named [redacted] who allegedly is a [redacted] New York, New York, and has manifested pro-Nazi inclinations.

In view of these allegations concerning the personnel of another Governmental Agency, copies of the attached communication are being forwarded to your office for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate.

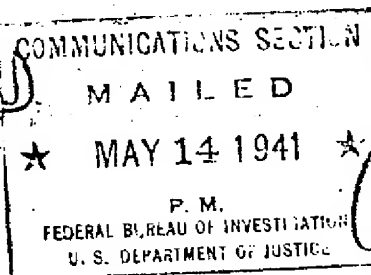
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May 13, 1941

Assistant Director M. J. Connelley
New York, New York

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Dear Sir:

For your information I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau April 29, 1941, in an envelope postmarked April 28, 1941, at New York, New York.

You are advised that I have furnished the text of this communication to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General.

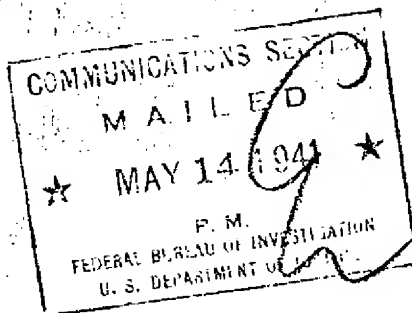
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April 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

In the absence of Mr. Carson from his office, the writer talked this afternoon at 4:30 P. M. with Mr. Little of ONI, who stated that ONI had received information that [REDACTED] b7c
Machinists Mate, Second Class, U.S.S. Sims, a destroyer in New York, has been active aboard this ship and has obtained the signatures of twelve men on this destroyer to join the "America First Committee." Mr. Little stated that this committee was holding a meeting tonight at Manhattan Center, New York City, at which time Mr. Lindbergh, Kathaleen Norris, and Senator Walsh will speak. He also advised that newspaper accounts in New York reflect that L. W. Birkhead, National Director, "Friends of Democracy," had made a public statement to the effect this meeting of the "America First Committee" would be picketed.

Mr. Little furnished the above for our information.

Respectfully,

F. C. Holloman

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[REDACTED] Detroit Apr 27.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;
Dear Sir: Will you please
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Committee Incorporated invest-
igated. The Incorporated
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backed by at least 3
persons, possibly the German
and Italian Government.
If you choose to do so

American First Committee

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of your investigation
Thank you.

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WAKE-UP AMERICA

The Interventionists have started their blits to get us into the war. Let's stop them cold.

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their deceptive, tricky propaganda with all the power at your command. Write today to the President, our Senators and Congressmen. They promised to keep us out of war. Demand that they keep those promises.

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so-called neutrality patrols that cover the seven seas or convoys or whatever else they may choose to call them. They all mean shooting and shooting means millions of Selective Service Draftees for another and a bigger A.E.F.—next year and the next year and for many years to come. President Roosevelt promised many times that none of our boys will be asked to fight on foreign soil. Let's hold him to that promise.

PROTEST

the crushing tax load that is being fashioned for the American taxpayer's back. Taxes will go higher and higher till they break us unless we stop this war-madness now. The tax bill now before Congress is just a little sample of what is ahead.

PROTEST

efforts to smear such men as Colonel Lindbergh, Senators Wheeler, Nye and Clark. Thank God for these men. They stand for the traditional American policy of no entangling alliances with any nation. They are fighting our battle. Back them up with action as suggested herein. Compare these men with Knox and Stimson, the Warburgs, Lamonts and Morgenthau, Dorothy Thompson and Frances Perkins or any one else you may think of. Then write to the President, also to Senator Vandenberg and Senator Brown and to your Congressman as well and tell them in the good old American way just what you think about sending our boys to war and all this war business.

WANTED: The spirit of Paul Revere. Be a modern Paul Revere. The peril is as great today as when he rode through the night into immortal fame. To help him spread the alarm today, clip the coupon below and mail it at once with your contribution toward the expense of this and other messages like it. Be a real American.

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Anti-War Rally May 9th

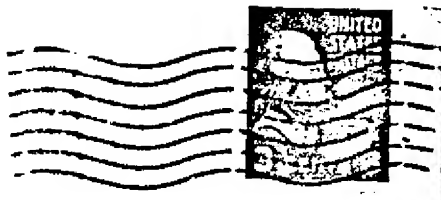
Hon. Samuel B. Patterson, chairman of the National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government and author of *Evil Empire* will speak at 8 p. m. in Cass High School Auditorium. Keep the date open and plan to attend.

America First Committee,
Industrial Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen: Enclosed please find \$..... to help you carry on your work on behalf of the common people.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
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J. Edgar Hoover
Chief

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir: Will you please have this America
First Committee Incorporated investigated.

The Incorporated part indicates that it is
backed by at least 3 persons possibly the
German and Italian Government.

If you choose to do so please advise
the result of your investigation.

Thank you,

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Signed - [REDACTED]

ENVELOPE

Postmarked - Detroit, Michigan
April 28, 1941

Enclosure - Clipping entitled "Wake-Up America"

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[REDACTED]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication, with enclosure, dated April 27, 1941, and to assure you that its content has been carefully noted and made a part of the official files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. May I express my appreciation for your interest and courtesy in bringing these data to my attention.

With respect to your request to be advised of any possible action taken by the FBI, I must inform you that a well-adhered to policy of the Department of Justice precludes me from revealing any information contained in the files of this Bureau.

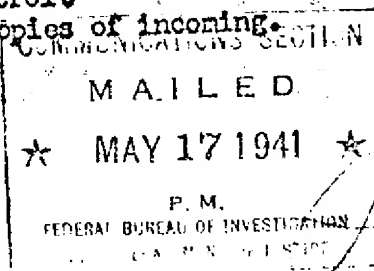
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: Detroit
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Brooklyn, N.Y.
April 27, 1941

My dear Mr. President,

Until now I have had some hope that you were still a man of your word and would keep sacred your promises to the mothers of America not to send their sons to fight and die in any foreign lands and that you would fight for peace all the days of your life.

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This week your untrue and unjust implications about Mr. Lindbergh and other speakers of the truth like Senators Wheeler, Nye, Clark and Walsh, I lost faith in you. Since you advocate a war that is opposed by 85% of the American people, you no longer represent us and were an election held now you could not be elected. I no longer trust you and regret that I voted for you last fall. In the light of present standings of all candidates Norman Thomas was the only sincere candidate among them. Mr. Willkie has proved what a fool he is.

I admired and respected you as one of our greatest presidents. Your labor legislation,

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housing project, rank control, close contact with the people and a former honesty and sincerity of purpose plus the ability to face the reality and truth commanded my admiration and respect.

Today you have proved that Father Conglin was right when he called you a liar. You lied when you said you would work for peace all the days of your life, since all you have done was to take steps first "short of war" and now to the brink of war.

As an American citizen I wish to express my disgust at your turnabout. I also condemn any further steps you may take toward more serious involvement in the European war. I am joining the America First Committee in the hopes that this organization may be able to convince you and your administration of how America feels. God Bless America!

Respectfully yours,

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Apr. 26, 1941

To the president of the U. S. A.:

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The majority of the American people believe in (American) first Committee. They believe those that tell them the truth. They did not want the Lend Lease Bill to pass. They do not want conveying to be done. They dont want to enter the blood business even if those that like great Britain tell us. Otherwise we stand in back of the American first Committee

Yours very Truly

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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April 29, 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lieut. Col. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your
information and such action as you consider advisable.

Sherman Miles
SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Enclosures:

Letter from [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23, 1941, addressed to the Secretary of War.

The information that you forwarded the War Department has been communicated to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

The patriotic motive prompting you to submit this matter to the War Department is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

RALPH C. SMITH,
Lieut. Colonel, General Staff,
Executive Officer, G-2.

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The Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War

Dear Sir:

WAR DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The America First outfit at 331 Walnut St. in this city has a board of showy directors and a band of impecunious workers such as lame duck brokers and wives of business men who failed in business...

Two of the directors are B. W. Burroughs and George Du Pont. As Burroughs is agent here for the Ford Motor Co and Du Pont for the Du Pont Powder Co I think the War department should be informed of their activities on the isolationist side if you call it that.. Both of these huge corporations are profiting by defense orders and there is no excuse for their agents getting mixed up in this shady enterprise of the A Firsts.

Yours truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

In order this material may be appropriately indexed, I wish to advise that the April 9, 1941, edition of the News Letter contains an informative article relative to the activities of one Catharine Curtis in connection with the America First Committee in Southern California.

Respectfully,

E. W. Timm
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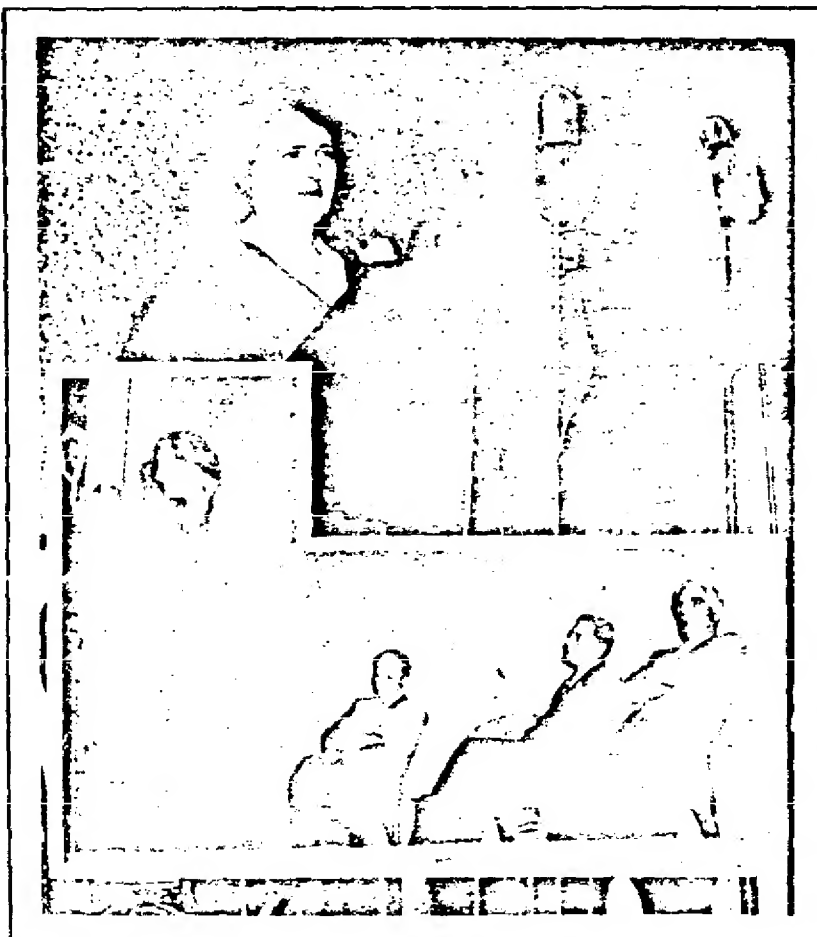
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"NO WAR" MOTHERS LURED INTO ANTI-DEMOCRATS' CAMP

Notorious Nazis of Southern California mingled with sincere isolationist and professional obstructionists last week at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium. The occasion was a demonstration against the Lend-Lease Bill, painstakingly prepared in spite of the fact that it had meanwhile become a law of the land. Featured speakers at the rally were United States Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota, and Cathrine Curtis of New York City and Washington.



Cathrine Curtis, addressing last week's America First Committee rally at Los Angeles, had among her most attentive backers such intransigent anti-Lend Leasers as (inset, from left to right): John Wheeler, son of Senator Burton K. Wheeler; U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye; Joseph Scott, prominent Los Angeles attorney and Catholic lay leader.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Los Angeles branch of America First Committee (of which Senator Burton K. Wheeler's son John is chairman) and the National Legion of the Mothers of America. The latter, holding its first annual convention at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, elected Cathrine Curtis national chairman.

NEWS LETTER of March 19th reproduced documents bearing evidence to the fact that the National Legion of the Mothers of America was closely cooperating with various obstructionist cells sponsored by Nazi groups. Today, NEWS LETTER presents from its files some pertinent facts about Miss Curtis, whose experience in rabble-rousing is so comprehensive that she might easily qualify as top-notch of the Petticoat Platoon. It was she who founded the "Women's National Committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court", and it was also this political Amazon (illustration on this page) who marshalled her forces under the banner of the "Women Invaders IN (Miss Curtis' emphasis!) America, Inc." All these different and assorted organizations make their headquarters at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

According to its official slogan, Miss Curtis, in naming her

WOMEN INVESTORS IN AMERICA, INC.

A Non-Profit Membership Educational Organization
535 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Phone: WFO 9-1111 (RE 3-4000)

CATHRINE CURTIS
National Director

September 21, 1940.

Dear Friend:

Abraham Lincoln once said that if the people knew the TRUTH, the country was safe - that when they KNEW THE TRUTH, they would do what is right.

Congressional leaders and prominent citizens who have read the enclosed booklet state:

"Here is a GLEAM OF TRUTH penetrating the darkness and confusion engendered by years of false propaganda! 'The March of Democracy' plainly shows the results of the world promotion of that Great Misconception - Democracy - that now threatens the very life of our Republic. If several million copies of it can be distributed quickly, the Republic can be revived and the country saved from Dictatorship!"

This booklet is the result of exhaustive research and is authentic. Its complete text has been preserved in the Congressional Record!

We have already undertaken the job of distributing at least one million copies to teachers, professors, stockholders, jobholders, property owners and even libraries. To enable us to do this quickly, we are appealing to you to contribute - and also to obtain contributions to a special fund for this purpose, -

Or buy as many copies of the booklet as you can and ask your friends to do likewise.

Will you join in the Revival of the Republic and help halt the march of Democracy by sending us your contribution - or Order - NOW?

Sincerely yours,

Cathrine Curtis
NATIONAL DIRECTOR -

Facsimile of Miss Curtis' letter launching reprint of *The March of Democracy*. (Under-scoring by NRS).

Recent raids on the columns of the Congressional Record is, for example, one effusion which she had inserted through the cooperation of Congressman George H. Tinkham of Massachusetts. In this statement, Miss Curtis, among other assertions, makes the following:

The United States Is Not a Democracy
But a Republic

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. GEORGE HOLDEN TINKHAM
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 1941

ARTICLE BY CATHRINE CURTIS

Mr. TINKHAM. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following statement by Cathrine Curtis, national director, Women Investors in America, Inc.:

THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A DEMOCRACY BUT A
REPUBLIC

(By Cathrine Curtis, national director, Women Investors in America, Inc.)

Today public officials and others in this country speak of our American democracy and state that—to protect it and our liberties—we must join in the defense of the democracies. The founding fathers evidently did not intend our Government to be a democracy, for that word is not found in either the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution. But they did specify a form of party only.

THE UNITED STATES

The trend toward more and more centralization of power in Washington has steadily increased during recent years. This has resulted in continual encroachment, bit by bit, on individual freedom and basic property rights. We have been forced to accept

late brainchild, especially stressed the "IN" since

we are all investors IN America, whether we are stockholders, bondholders, jobholders or husband-holders.

There are vast strata of the population of the United States who are just as much impressed with Miss Curtis as was Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan who, when introducing her to the Speaker of the House, referred to her as a "national leader of independent women".

Specialist in "Agin" Propaganda

In the business of organizing "agin" groups, there are few tricks that Miss Curtis does not know. She is particularly adept at having her own statements inserted in the Congressional Record, analogous to the technique of America-Nazis, as exposed in NEWS LETTER of January 22, 1941, and October 16, 1940. Like the American swastikeers of the Bund et al type, Miss Curtis puts reprints from the Record to the widest possible use; in this way she profits by whatever dignity political balderdash achieves merely by appearing in the official annals of the United States Congress.

Among Miss Curtis' most recent

centralized planned economy, currency revaluation, unbalanced budgets, and riotous government spending. Private enterprise is harassed and restricted by government.

Today, centralized government extends over our railroads, radio, utilities, banks, stock and commodity markets, agriculture, labor, and education. Under guise of "emergency" we are asked to accept more and more centralized control.

But we have not quite reached the final stage of "democracy" where "liberty" in the United States is for members of the ruling party only.

Rarely in the messages or statements of our former Presidents, do we find "democracy" mentioned, until popularized by President Wilson during the World War. Since then, our people have been insidiously propagandized to accept "democracy" and forget our guaranteed form of government.

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, John Quincy Adams, Jackson, Harrison, Lincoln, Garfield, and the whole lot of them.

On September 4th, 1948, Miss Curtis prevailed upon Rep. Hoffman to secure space for her essay on The March of Democracy, in which the following statements occurred:

The United States

The trend in Washington is toward more and more centralization of power and more centralization of power. This has resulted in continual encroachment—bit by bit—on individual freedom and basic property rights. We have been forced to accept centralized planned economy, currency revaluation, unbalanced budgets and riotous government spending. Private enterprise is harassed and restricted by government!

Today, centralized government control extends over our railroads, radio, utilities, banks, stock and commodity markets,

agriculture, labor and education. Under guise of "emergency" we are asked to accept more and more centralized control!

But we have not quite reached the final stage of "Democracy" where "Liberty" in the United States is for members of the majority only. The next will be drawn in blood!

I am convinced that—unless our women revive the spiritual ideals and courage of our Revolutionary ancestors—organize as did the women of Hungary—we may well witness the loss of our Liberty and Independence—and the Death of our Republic in the days that lie ahead!

"That Great Misconception -- Democracy"!

In due course, this article -- now carrying the imprimature of the Congressional Record -- was reprinted in pamphlet form (illustration on page 9). In launching it, Miss Curtis, over her own signature, mailed out sheaves of letters (illustration on page 2). She stressed the point that

...."The March of Democracy" plainly shows the result of the world promotion of that Great Misconception -- Democracy -- that now threatens the very life of our republic....This booklet is the result of exhaustive research and is authentic. Its complete text has been preserved in the Congressional Record! We have already undertaken the job of distributing at least one million copies to teachers, professors, stock-holders, job-holders, property owners and even libraries....Will you join in the Revival of the Republic and help halt the march of Democracy....(Emphasis by NRS)

Miss Curtis' remarks, introducing the reprint of The March of Democracy, concluded as follows:

The material contained in this bulletin is of vital interest at this particular time when we hear so much on all sides about Democracy. It correctly points out that our country never was intended to be a Democracy; that its true, Constitutional form of Government is a Republic.
(Emphasis by Miss Curtis)

Miss Curtis' brochure immediately received the whole-hearted endorsement of James True, publisher (until recently) of the notorious weekly, "Industrial Control Reports". Boosting The March of Democracy (illustration on page 9), True stressed the fact that it "has been published in the Congressional Record":

Our "Must" Reading List

How and why "Democracy" has been used as the propaganda key-note of the promotion of communistic dictatorships throughout the world is briefly told by "The March of Democracy", a 12-page pamphlet by Cathrine Curtis. It corrects many fallacies due to false propaganda, has been published in the Congressional Record, and is having a wide circulation. Send 15 cents for your copy (quantity prices on request) to Women Investors IN America, 535 Fifth Avenue, New York.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE \$12.00 PER YEAR

NO PART OF THIS REPORT SHALL BE REPUBLISHED WITHOUT PERMISSION

The James True Associates,

By *James True*

Small wonder that Miss Curtis earned True's endorsement. There is, and been for many years, a very strong link between her and the erstwhile publisher of "Industrial Control Reports". This link is missing no longer! -- and is revealed as one Michael Ahearn. He was in Miss Curtis' entourage when she arrived for the Convention in Los Angeles. Indeed, Ahearn was introduced to Convention as Research Director of Miss Curtis' "Women Investors IN America Inc."

According to Ahearn's dossier in the files of NRS, it was he who, in 1933, associated himself with True when the latter, extending the scope of his habitation activities, inaugurated "America First! Inc.", an organization

for the protection of the Constitution, American industry and individual enterprise, through the dissemination of TRUTH.

Under their new front, True and Ahearn sent out a "confidential statement" in which the following facts were revealed:

Directors of America First! Inc., Activities

James True, president, has been a writer and analyst in the business field for more than twenty years. Since July 10th, 1933, he has edited and published Industrial Control Reports. He was the first Washington correspondent to brand the new deal communistic.

Michael Ahearn, secretary and treasurer, has been a soldier, newspaper man, author, lecturer and organizer. He is co-author of "Handout," published by Putnam's, the first book exposing the propaganda system operated in Washington to prevent the public from learning the truth regarding the new deal. Since the World War, he has investigated subversive activities throughout the world.

Eventually, the True-Ahearn combination was dissolved. However, Ahearn still carried on his subversive activities under the camouflage of "investigating subversive activities throughout the world". He still employs typical arguments and dangerous catch phrases which sound like quotations from the lective speeches of *Herrn* Goebbels, Streicher and Rosenberg. In view of these activities, it is by no means strange that, in the course of the Dies Investigation, it became a matter of record (Vol. 5, pages 3465 and 3479) that he was in close contact with such notorious Nazi agitators as George Deatherage and James E. Campbell.

Erasing the Blue Pencil

Another enlightening bit of propaganda literature from the pen of Miss Curtis is a pamphlet entitled: "Military Capitalism vs. Industrial Capitalism" (illustration on page 9). This particular brochure is all the more interesting in view of its genesis. According to a prefatory note, it was

originally prepared....at the request of a well-known feature syndicate....when printed, (it) had certain passages completely eliminated....It is, therefore, reproduced here as originally written, with the deleted passages printed in bold face type.

Why any responsible American editor would blue-pencil Miss Curtis' manuscript becomes fully evident from such assertions as the following, typical of the entire article:

over.

Let's determine why and how we originated Industrial Capitalism and what it has done for us. Let us also ascertain what Military Capitalism has done for those countries that have lived under it for centuries.

Military Capitalism is founded upon force and destruction

and can be maintained only under a regimented, militaristic government. It is, therefore, masculine. Industrial Capitalism is based upon individual creativeness and productivity and prospers only under individualized government. It is feminine.

The Soldier is the foundation of the European economic system.

*The Woman is the foundation of our economic system.
The Soldier is the European symbol of collectivism.
The Woman is the symbol of our individualism.
The Soldier is honored in Europe.
The Woman is revered in these United States!*

Civilization developed in Europe mostly through force. As the ages progressed, these people employed in the arts and crafts were forced to seek protection within walled cities from continual wars.

When told this is our war—she must remember they

told us that in 1917; when they say they only want the use of our industrial resources—they told us that in 1915; when they ask for "temporary loans"—they asked for the same thing in 1916—and called us "Uncle Shylock" a few years later.

Our women must use every moment of their new-won leisure time working for just one thing—to protect our Republic—minding our own business and helping ourselves first. Do that—and we will keep our Industrial Capitalistic system, continue to grow and prosper and—by our prosperity and security—prove that ours is the only sound Christian way of life and that we refuse to return to the Military Capitalistic System of Europe from whence our forefathers fled.

Strictly adhering to her technique of grabbing as much Congressional time-light as possible, Miss Curtis had herself invited before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, conducting hearings on H.R.1776. Appearing before this body on February 10th, last, she immediately proceeded to reprint her statements. The tenor of her testimony is sufficiently indicated by the title she chose for her pamphlet (illustration on page 9): "A.D.1776 for Liberty -- H.R.1776 for Dictatorship".

In the course of her statements before the Senate Committee, Miss Curtis made such assertions as the following:

one.

For many years my work and my activities have been in connection with the defense and preservation of our American traditions—of our Representative Constitutional Government—and of our Free Enterprise system in which our women have such a tremendous stake.

Never before has any issue stirred me as has this outrageous—unAmerican—deceitful bill—H.R. 1776. This is probably because in my recent courses the blood of men and women who have died in this country is being shed.

We are told by proponents of this 1776 measure that the only real problem facing this country today is one of aiding England—because she is our first line of defense and fighting our battle. They maintain that speedy adoption of this measure is necessary in order that we may buy time to adequately arm and protect ourselves. And in the same breath they do

They speak of mandates given by the people in the last election. Will they please explain where, and when, and in just what language either candidate in the last election specifically proposed any such measures as are in this Bill? Both candidates continually declared that, if elected, they would continue aid to Britain under existing law, namely, cash and carry, and would seek no measures that would tend to create the need for another American Expeditionary Force.

The people have been given no opportunity to vote on the issues incorporated in this measure. If they are given that opportunity, they will answer in a clear and ringing "NO!"

Why all this rush, rush, rush to force this bill through without time for ample discussion of the real issues involved? I believe that question is answered in a conversation I recently had with a highly intelligent individual just

To reinforce her own testimony before the Senate Committee, Miss Curtis, under the imprint of the "Women Investors IN America, Inc." put into circulation yet another pamphlet entitled: "H.R.1776: The Nation's Bankrupting Act of 1941" (illustration on page 9). Its contents comprises a complete reprint of testimony given by George H. Cless, Jr., before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on January 24th, last. Miss Curtis' eagerness to spread his testimony before the American public is quite understandable, inasmuch as he declared:

There are sinister features in this bill that have to do with what is going to happen to these United States. I am not charging conspiracy—or evil or malicious intent. I am only asking that these sus-

picious be dispelled.

In 1917—the vitality of our nation was not strained almost to the breaking point as it is today by long, protracted internal stresses, economic and social maladjust-

ments and depression—not with a debt burden against the nation's productive plant exceeding the total exchange value of that plant.

At that time—and under more favorable conditions—we turned this country into an "arsenal for democracy"—and also established frontiers in foreign lands to achieve the same end that some people would make our objective today—that is—to save democracy and freedom.

But we failed. Oh yes—we were successful in our shortsighted lunch-meat

What guarantee can you gentlemen give that—in our present weakened economic condition—we can now enthrone liberty and freedom everywhere for all time? *What guarantee can you give that*

our new "arsenal for democracy" will not help produce something even more dreadful and hateful than our previous "arsenal for democracy" helped produce?

That is exactly what this "NATION'S BANKRUPTING ACT OF 1941" is likely to do—if you pass it!

There is no "defense" of these United States in this bill!

There is only the surety of worldwide war—disastrous public spending—and a crushing debt burden creating a dread situation that history proves is met by Inflation—Repudiation—or—God forbid—REVOLUTION!

Regarding Cless, NEWS LETTER of December 18, 1940, revealed that

....especially his (Cless') opinions in reference to William Allen White have been emphatically endorsed by William J. Baxter, author of "Japan and America MUST Work Together".

Cless' article, as originally released in "Scribner's Commentator", was reprinted and circularized by John B. Snow's "League for Constitutional Government", exposed in NEWS LETTER of March 5, 1941. In his vituperations, he said:

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SCRIBNER'S COMMENTATOR

THE WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE REIGN OF TERROR

By GEORGE H. CLESS, JR.

A determined group is using familiar methods for driving us into the war. These worked in 1917, but not in the early nineteenth century, when our capitol was burned, not by our "enemy," France, but by our "friend" Britain

THE "INTELLIGENTSIA," supported by a special few with personal axes to grind, is hell bent for war. A small but brilliant galaxy of political, academic, elite and socialite stars is driving 130 million Americans against their wishes and judgment into war: not just

The American people, I believe, do want to stand on their own feet and

preserve their own free institutions; they will, if necessary, defend their own America.

While William Allen White professes to have that general goal in mind, he is following weird trails toward that alleged end. Furthermore, he is displaying much mental confusion over the real issues at stake in this war, which

Can America put its trust in the judgment of this type of confused leadership?

After he has given much of America to Russia, Mr. White wants to give what is left of it to England. So he takes

Many of us who grew up in 1916-17-18, and had our eyes opened in a world over there as well as a world here, look with wholly justified bitterness upon the leadership and ideology which turned America into a warring nation.

Today that same type of leadership—with its same idiotic ideology that America can be saved and the problems of the world solved only by a fanatic willingness on the part of Americans to die for one group of foreigners and kill another group of foreigners—that leadership is for the second time in one generation laying its hands on another crop of young American men and women who, thus far, have inherited from their elders only a broken, bankrupt and blood-soaked world.

Now it may be that these American

Reproduction of reprint from "Scribner's Commentator" with which John B. Snow blanketed the entire country in an effort to vilify William Allen White.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE

TO KEEP U. S. OUT OF WAR!

325 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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CATHERINE CURTIS, National Chairman
Organized in 1920 as Committee to

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Mrs. Edward S. Dargatzis, Md.
Mrs. James M. Farber, Mich.
Mrs. Henry S. Gordon, N. Y.
Mrs. Mary Gane Meyer, N. Y.
Mrs. Eleanor C. Hughes, N. Y.
Mrs. Sarah S. Jobe, Ark.
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Mrs. William D. Lorch, D. C.
Mrs. Lillian Laughlin, Fla.
Mrs. W. E. Randall, Fla.
Mrs. W. E. Stuart, Wis.
Mrs. Frank Telford, N. Y.
Miss Julia Telford, N. Y.
Mrs. Anne C. Tolman, N. Y.
Mrs. Florence Wood, Wis.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR HANDS OFF THE SUPREME COURT

SPECIAL WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C.
February 18th, 1941

To All Citizens Of The United States:

It is now unmistakably evident to those of us on the scene here in Washington that the real purpose of bill H. R. 1776 is NOT so much to aid Britain or provide for the defense of our Republic - as to destroy our form of government - deprive Congress of its Constitutional powers - place us at the mercy of foreign nations - create a Dictatorship Here with control over the lives and property of one and all of our people - and for the additional purpose of legalizing already committed illegal acts!

The ancestors of many of us gave their lives to establish this country. We must honor their courage and loyalty by giving OUR ALL to defend and protect our heritage from alien plotters and alien-minded sympathizers. Our people are being deliberately confused to keep from them the real issues at stake.

For many years, American women found our information and factual data sent them from Washington completely reliable and have acted upon it because of their confidence in the soundness and sanity of our work and programs. I have been on the scene here for many weeks - but never before have I found myself in a position where I could not give you important information and facts without jeopardizing the safety and careers of those who supplied it.

I can only say to you American women who love your country - your homes - your freedom - for the sake of everything you revere - WAKE UP AND FIGHT! For - if this H. R. 1776 bill passes - you will not only live under a Dictatorship - under a regimented economy - but you may also find your liberties - your properties - and even your CITIZENSHIP placed at the disposal of a foreign power and you will be without any method or means to object!

Remember - this bill is an Abdication Bill - an abdication of your Congress - and this is your last chance to address them if you fail to act.

What This Bill Permits

H. R. 1776 allows the President to suspend any existing law when it interferes with HIS plans for "defense of liberty everywhere." While the German Dictator-creating Law of 1933 gave those powers to a National Cabinet - this bill - here in these United States - gives them to ONE man! All talk of limiting such powers is deceitful - because the same bill gives him power to suspend the limiting sections of the law!

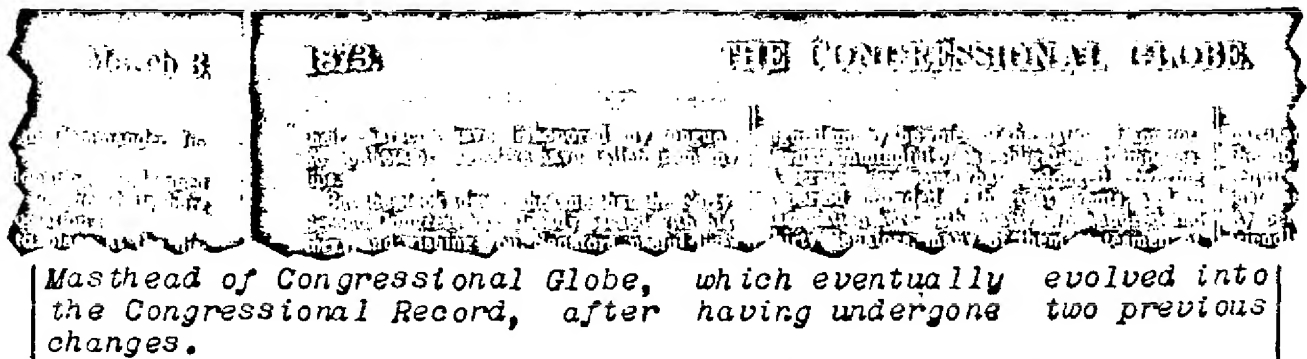
Facsimile of Miss Curtis' pep letter, circularized from Washington, D.C., where she had joined the anti-Lend-Leasers.

Setting the Alarm Clock

While still at the capital, fighting the Lend-Lease Bill, Miss Curtis did not fail to exploit the Washington date line by circularizing her clique with a typical "agin it" pep letter (illustration on this page).

Miss Curtis strains every effort to exploit such dignity as reprint in the Congressional Record lends to a statement. At the same time, she tries by inference to indicate that, as a barometer of American political life, the Congressional Record now points toward stormy changes.

For reasons best known to herself, Miss Curtis made the most preposterous use of a recent typographical change to which, for purely technical reasons, the "masthead" of the Congressional Record was subjected. Indeed, Miss Curtis went so far as to blanket the United States with a hand bill intended to arouse the general public to the unheard-of dangers which this change -- to Miss Curtis' mind! -- indicated. She immediately experienced the great satisfaction of having her



fire warning taken up by, and reproduced in, the February 20th issue of that staunch "American" weekly (illustration on page 9) called "The Free American", better and more correctly known as the Bund's *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*.

Still more back-patting was enjoyed by Curtis when Charles B. Hudson, of "America In Danger!" ill-fame, rushed to her side, staggering the imagination of his readers by warning them:

While MARCHERS ON WASHINGTON are there they can find out why the CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS of 77th Congress do not carry "UNITED STATES (seal) OF AMERICA" imprinted as always until now, above the words "CONGRESSIONAL RECORD". WOMEN INVESTORS IN AMERICA, Inc., 535 Fifth Ave., NewYorkCity (who put out that splendid pamphlet "ARE YOU AN AMERICAN?" enclosed with B#251, and just released another "H.R. 1776: THE NATION'S BANKRUPTING ACT OF 1941!") ask: with the Great Seal reduced in size, with the Great Circle of United Strength removed, with that unprotected seal moved to the LEFT, and with words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" entirely dropped, just what Nation is it whose Congressional proceedings and debates are so published? Is this the first step toward making the CR the record of proceedings of a Congress of some NEW NATION - a "WORLD DEMOCRACY", or - perhaps - "UNION NOW"???

What makes the Curtis-Hudson hue and cry appear absurdly far-fetched is the historical fact that, in the century-and-a-half of its existence, the official transcript of Congressional proceedings has changed repeatedly not only its type and format, but also its very name. Apparently Miss Curtis is unaware that, up to 1873, what is today the Congressional Record was called the "Congressional Globe" (illustration on page 7). Prior to that, beginning with 1824, it was known as the "Register of Debate", while still earlier, from 1789 to 1824, proceedings of House and Senate were published as "Annals of Congress". And during all these changes in type, format and even name, these United States of America survived!

Following recognized tricks of the subversivist trade step by step, Miss Curtis seizes upon trivia and magnifies them out of all proportion to serve her own ends. By this procedure, she acknowledges, unwittingly though it may be, her political affinity with hater-baiters like Charles B. Hudson and the Bund, both of whom rushed to her side in spreading her phony alarm over a preposterously insignificant change in the typographical makeup of the Congressional Record. Miss Curtis is also a link in the Coughlin chain, the Detroit rabble-rouser having repeatedly boosted the National Women's Committee to Keep U. S. Out of War. James True, by his own words, has revealed himself as one of her staunchest supporters; and as far as George H. Cless is concerned, Miss Curtis' eagerness to reprint and circularize his testimony before the House Committee is sufficient proof of close political cooperation. Through Cless again, Miss Curtis is proved to be in contact with Snow.

With Cathrine Curtis elected national chairman of the National Legion of the Mothers of America, that organization has now been sequestered as part and parcel of a combination of obstructionist cliques. Well-nigh indefatigable in their subversive activities, the leaders of these anti-democratic cells have succeeded in inveigling sincere isolationists to join the "cause". Unknown to themselves, these political innocents now serve as "front". To make this camouflage completely opaque, all scruples have been thrown to the wind, with even American motherhood being debased to serve anti-Democracy.

Index to additional information on names and facts mentioned in NEWS LETTER will be furnished quarterly.

A. D. 1776
for
LIBERTY

H. R. 1776
for
DICTATORSHIP

THE
MARCH OF
DEMOCRACY

...were told
in a dispatch from Funchal, Ma-
daira, that
(Continued on Page 7)

??? Do Coming Events Forecast their Shadows ???

The first reproduction below is that of the official heading of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as it has appeared until the opening of the present Congress.

NOTE: The Great Seal of the United States is in the CENTER, carefully protected by the Great Circle of United Strength and flanked on either side by the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—making it the record of the proceedings of OUR Congress.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 76th CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION

Note the next reproduction. It is the NEW official heading of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which made its first appearance with the opening of the present session of this—the 77th—Congress.

NOTE: The Great Seal has been reduced in size—the Great Circle of United Strength has been removed—the unprotected seal has been moved to the LEFT—and the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA entirely dropped!

THIS IS THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WHAT NATION?



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 77th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

The Congressional Joint Committee on Printing says it was done to "modernize" the Congressional Record!

Must we remove the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in order to "modernize" the record of the proceedings of OUR Congress?

Or is this "modernizing" the first step toward making it the record of the proceedings of a Congress of some NEW NATION—a "WORLD DEMOCRACY" or—perhaps—"UNION NOW"? ? ?

Don't you think it is your duty to find out at once why the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA have been removed from the record of the proceedings of YOUR Congress? ?

Additional copies of this startling revelation may be obtained from:
WOMEN INVESTORS IN AMERICA, Inc.

CATHRINE CURTIS, National Director

525 Fifth Avenue, New York City

(First distribution of this flyer was made on January 26, 1941).

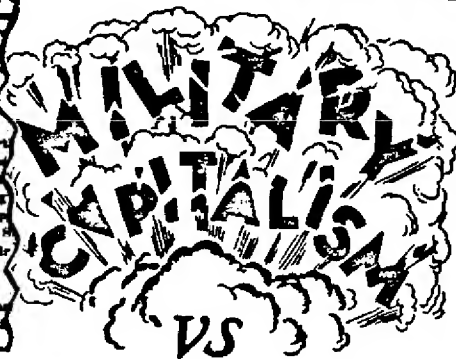
The words "United States of America" were replaced on the front page of the Congressional Record starting with the issue of February 4—apparently as a result of the wide-spread distribution given this flyer.

BUT—the words now appear under the GREAT SEAL in such small letters they can hardly be read.

WOMEN INVESTORS IN AMERICA, Inc.)

H. R. 1776:

THE
NATION'S
BANKRUPTING
ACT
OF
1941!



INDUSTRIAL
CAPITALISM

AT LEFT AND RIGHT: Reproductions of front covers of pamphlets published and distributed by Cathrine Curtis. CENTER: Reproduction of leaflet printed first by Cathrine Curtis then republished in "The Free American", (official organ of the German-American Bund) of Feb. 20th, 1941.



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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I think, I shall forward
some interesting facts to Mr. Thornton,
Pittsburgh, Pa, in about one week.

Tell me, does free speech &
the "Bill of Rights" entitle anyone
to launching damaging attacks
maliciously with the intent to
demoralize a Government's
policy? I met then I saw your
man C.A. Tribley and all of the
American Int. (Lat) Committee
questioning. If I were you I'd
free it. (over) yours,

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a Stone Fence and the world
have an Internment Camp full
of "pro-Nazi and Fifth Column
elements, Backslime Idiots," and
Them all in Backs Covered
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in this area —.....
(Yours sincerely,
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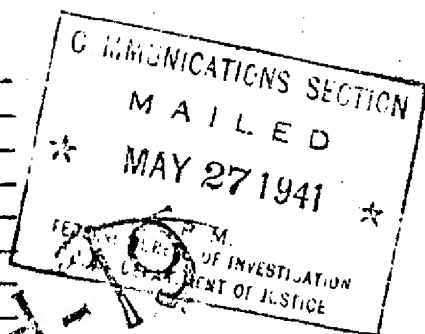
Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 11, 1941.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



4th, 1941

Mr. Walter Winchell,
Daily Mirror,
New York City

Dear Mr. Winchell:

There were a few things that the newspapers didn't print about the Appeasement First Rally at the Garden that I feel you should know. I was in the Garden from 6:30 P.M. on, so that I was able to garner a few facts that are of interest to you.

When John T. Flynn announced that a person alien to America First's ideals was in the audience, some jerks in the balcony thought it was you and shouted: "CHOO WINCHELL! CHOO WINCHELL!" But when Jerk McNazi was introduced their shouts of disapproval against you were immediately dropped and they began to applaud Joe McWilliams. Right behind McWilliams was Lawrence Dennis, the recognized leader of the American fascists. 95% of the persons present did not know that McWilliams was there until John T. Flynn pulled the boner of announcing his presence. Therefore if Flynn objects to the presence of Nazi leaders it's his own fault for announcing them.

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I bought a four-sheeted paper inside, in the lobby, called THE AMERICAN WAY. It's front page asks that we keep America Out of War, for Christ and Country. It is put out by a guy named John J. Geis of R. 2 Hempstead, L.I. This is an example of some stuff in it:

"ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN
by

Alice in Wonderland
Love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself

Dear Editor:

My daughter who has been attending tolerance meetings, has

received a proposal from the son of a Rabbi. She has turned him down because she is a Christian girl. Now he is accusing her of being anti-Semitic. What shall I do about this?

A. CHRISTIAN MOTHER

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We congratulate your daughter on her Christian courage in these trying days of persecution. Surely she can find good Christian boys in her Church circles. The Church has always been opposed to mixed marriages. If this be anti-Semitic, let them make the most of it."

In the same issue there is a take-off on your column as follows:

" ON THE BROADWAY OF LIFE

by WALTER WILDFLOWER

Walter is given the widest latitude for expression, his opinions do not reflect the policy of the AMERICAN WAY.

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When the Col. came out against war, we found who the nuts are...It looks like Pepper wants our ~~boys~~ boys to go to salty graves...Mothers, if you're wondering where your drafted boy is tonight you may find him dancing with refugees in New York...

In the United States of America the only obstacle to education is death.....At the foreign meeting held in Mad. S. Gar. Lagars face was red...A short, stumpy, squat, broad shouldered, big head, square shouldered, and tough looking Mayor was chairman...The hyprocites and vultures who prey on the weak and the so-called respectable--who prey on the unsuspecting and gullible public were all there...

Our guessing contest is still on...He could be on the radio twice a week, but his wife says NO....And you thought he was a man...Ha, ha, ha...We received a report that hideous forms float before him. But the most frightful of all the forms which is disease takes is a propensity to see Hitler

wherever he looks. Night and day off and on Broadway he imagines Hitler is close to his ear and telling him, "I'll get you yet." "I'll get you yet."... At night he looks under his bed, not finding Hitler, like a disappointed old maid he cries himself to sleep....Oh! how he wants that man...In dream he strikes out at the little brownies, thinking that they are the Storm Troopers and his misery becomes more fearful than ever...Like Esau, he has sold his birthright for a stinkpot and there is no longer any hope...We send him lotions of stink....Keep guessing. Who is it?....Indeed, it may be remarked that he, like many of his type have seen the writing on the Wailing Wall."

This was sold to me, as I have stated, inside the Garden. But it was not on the official table of the America First Committee which featured copies of SCRIBNER'S COMMENTATOR. A fellow with a number of them in his hand approached people individually and sold them that way.

✓ Norman Thomas son, William, told me, that he was working very hard in the Chicago offices of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, to put the meeting across in New York.

✓ Boian Jean Boyon, head of the Romanian Iron Guardists in New York was at the press table. The Iron Guardists were Hitler's advance-men prior to his invasion of Romania. What are they doing here? Captain Donnelly of N.Y. City Alien Criminal Squad knows about it. I told him.

Outside the Garden, people wearing AMERICA FIRST pins were talking in groups that the "Jews are war-mongering us in."

✓ On the platform was a Reverend Hunt, who opened the recent Manhattan Center meetings of the Appeasement First group. Hunt had been lauded by Elizabeth Dilling (your pal!), several times in her Round-Table Letter for his fine work in behalf of the "cause".

✓ Also on the platform were, Michael Strange, and Prof. Gregory Mason, of the down-town section of New York University, who teaches Journalism—a study of impartiality!

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Also present was Louis Helmond, the guy that prints the Boycott Jews
by Buying Christian booklets and guides for Joe McWilliams. 14402

One of Father Currans followers, a tall, lanky fellow, stood up and pointed to a Jewish fellow in the audience and accused him of being a Jew-war-monger. The police took him out immediately. When he was being ~~removed~~ removed he shouted in nobody's general direction: "LONG LIVE THE CHRISTIAN FRONT! LONG LIVE FATHER CURRAN!"

With the development of certain pictures that I took inside I may be able to recognize persons close to the heart of the Bund. I did the same ~~kind~~ thing at the Manhattan Center and was able to identify persons prominent in Bund and Front circles I hadn't counted on getting.

Hope the stuff is usable, and as always, with my compliments,

J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1941

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carson
Mr. Drayton
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

EAT:DMP

Time 12:00 Noon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Marvin H. McIntyre, Secretary to the President called. He stated he has received a letter from General Robert W. Wood of the America First Committee. General Wood is a very good friend of his and Mr. McIntyre stated he has written the General letters telling him that he thought he was not thinking clearly, et cetera, and he, Mr. McIntyre, believes the General is beginning to be ashamed of the company he is keeping. The General enclosed with his letter to Mr. McIntyre a copy of a letter he is directing to the various chapters of the America First Committee about a very scurrilous article which is being mailed out from Chicago to each of the Chapters of the America First Committee. In his letter General Wood called attention to the fact that two of the articles had been sent in to him from his chapters and he is sending a letter to all chapters telling them to destroy the letters upon receipt. Mr. McIntyre stated however that the General failed to enclose a copy of the article in question and he desired to obtain our views on whether he should write the General for a copy or see if we could secure a copy through our contacts. I told Mr. McIntyre in view of his friendship with the General, I thought it would be better for him to ask the General for a copy. He agreed but stated he wanted to check with us before going ahead.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Columbus, Ohio,
May 10th, 1941.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D.C.

I am an American born Citizen, my Mother was a member of the
D.A.R., I am not in favor of Colonel Lindberg's interference with our
Federal Government.

I seem to be on the permanent mailing list of "American First
Committee" and as you will note I have underscored on the green sheet that
those following out these instructions, their petition will be reproduced
600 times.

As a loyal American Citizen I feel it my duty to bring this to
your attention and am enclosing the last literature mailed me.

Columbus, Ohio.

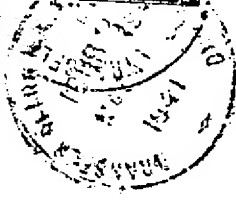
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Columbus, Ohio

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 10, 1941, with enclosure, and to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in corresponding with me.

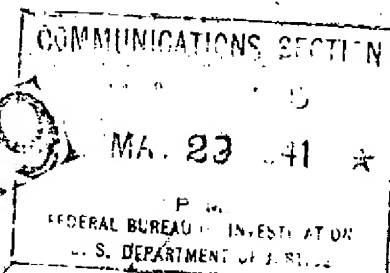
You may be assured that the content of your letter and of the enclosures has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



Handwritten signature/initials: R/RK

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May 10, 1941

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I received a letter this morning from the president of the Continental Machines, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; president Leighton Wilkie; telling me of the necessity for joining the America First Committee.

Though there might be some honest people who are misguided in their honesty, and who are members of this committee, I don't think that the following paragraph purports the honesty of those "in the know" on this committee.

"Business rejects-utterly and entirely-such a cold, ruthless, perverted reasoning. Americans are not afraid that Berlin will be the "capital of the world of tomorrow," and they don't want Washington to be the "captial" either. Business men know that the three units of civilization can each have prosperity and live on this earth in peace."

Of course, I don't expect that your department can do anything about any such organization now, but it might be good for you to know some of these who are actively engaged in disrupting our unity.

It may even be that you already know who these people are. Anyway, I feel it my duty to inform you.

Cordially yours,

P. S. A photostatic copy of the above mentioned letter will be cheerfully sent upon request.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 10, 1941, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating with me. You may be assured that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In the event that you obtain any further data which you deem of value concerning the internal security of our country, please feel free to communicate with Mr. B. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

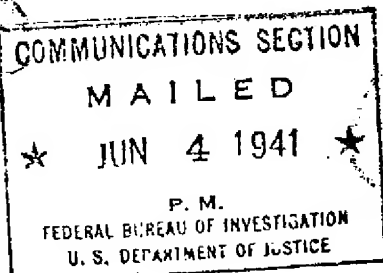
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Mr. Connelley
copies of incoming attached

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Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



May 14, 1941

Excellency:

This group is endeavoring to destroy your work and to disrupt our unity. They are trying to get citizens to write to you to uphold their nefarious propaganda.

I trust you will receive many communications criticizing their unholy efforts.

Permit me to express my admiration for you and for your viewpoints.

Respectfully yours,

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit
the following communication for
your consideration, and to ask
that the request made therein be
complied with if possible.

When the matter is disposed
of, will you kindly have the let-
ter returned to my office, and
oblige.

Yours truly

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Citizens Building
West Palm Beach
Florida

May 12, 1941

Senator Claude F. Pepper
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Pepper:

I am enclosing a copy of an air mail registered letter that I have just sent to the Governor of our state and I would like to have you wire Mr. Wylie of the F. B. I. in Miami to proceed immediately to investigate these three men and if he finds that the information contained herein is correct instruct him to arrest these men and hold them for further investigation.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your excellent speeches calling on the American people for action. You are winning the support of thousands of people in this state and I think if you can, at this time, smash this America First Committee by proving that they are actually a Germany First and America Last Committee, that you will go down in history not only as a great senator, but as the man who saved this country from following in the footsteps of France.

Yours very truly,

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May 12, 1941

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

Honorable Spessard L. Holland
Governor of The State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Governor Holland:

A group of citizens in this community met with me at my home in Palm Beach last evening and asked that I write you on behalf of the Americans in our state, calling to your attention that the American First Committee is to hold a meeting in Miami on May 17th in a public park and that, although this meeting is held supposedly under the auspices of the American First Committee, we know that the representatives from this section are pro German and one in particular is working for the German government. If the representative groups from the rest of this section are composed of the same type of men, we feel that this is a meeting of the bund and that every effort should be made on the part of the authorities in this state to call for an investigation of several of the leaders before this meeting is allowed to proceed.

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I think this information should allow the authorities of this state to use a search warrant, if necessary and investigate these three men before May 17th and if the data that I have given to you is found to be correct, I trust that you will stop a gathering of men who are attempting to paralyze our country by making treasonable utterances against our government and thereby causing much unrest in our country that could be avoided. There is a lot of difference between free speech and treasonable utterances by men who are supporting another nation and who are using the Constitution of the United States to hide behind and stab the real American citizens in the back.

Knowing that you were in France with the A. E. F. I feel that you will do everything within your power to make an immediate and thorough investigation of this America First Committee's operations in this state.

To identify myself, [REDACTED]

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I hope that you agree with me that it is high time that we put pressure on these un-American organizations and whether it is the bund or the America First Committee, or whatever they call themselves, if they are talking against our government and its attempt to stop Hitler before he gets to this country, then such organizations are talking against the future of America and I think we all know it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Senator Pepper and I hope that you two gentlemen will bring pressure to bear and have an investigation made immediately.

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I want to take this opportunity to wish you all success as Governor of the State of Florida and, as far as I can see, you already have shown that you are the man for the job.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

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June 9, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

RE:

INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith for your information only copies of a communication dated May 12, 1941, addressed to Honorable Spessard L. Holland, Governor of the State of Florida, by [REDACTED] Citizens Building, West Palm Beach, Florida.

You are advised that a copy of this communication was furnished to the Honorable Calude Pepper, United States Senator, who referred it to me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable Claude Pepper
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have for acknowledgment your communication dated May 13, 1941, with which were enclosed a letter dated May 12, 1941, addressed to you by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Citizens Building, West Palm Beach, Florida, and a copy of a letter dated May 12, 1941, addressed to Honorable Spessard L. Holland, The Governor of the State of Florida, by the same individual.

At this time I also wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 9, 1941, with which you transmitted a letter addressed to you by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tampa, Florida, enclosing the cover torn from the April 28, 1941, issue of the magazine "Facts in Review."

I want to express my deep appreciation for your cooperation in bringing these data to my attention and to assure you that they will be afforded due consideration.

For your information I have acknowledged [REDACTED] letter and advised him that the German Library of Information, which publishes the magazine "Facts in Review," is registered with the State Department at Washington, D. C., as an agent of a foreign principal in compliance with the Federal statutes regulating such activities.

In accordance with your request the communications from your constituents, together with the enclosure of [REDACTED] letter, are being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Cincinnati, Ohio
May 24, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter, envelope, and photograph that were received by [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio who has referred instant letter to this office for investigation.

Inasmuch as there is no violation involved, no investigation is being made. Instant letter is being forwarded for inclusion in the Anonymous Letter file, since the city directory of Cincinnati does not reflect a [redacted] and no search of the file or examination is being requested.

Very truly yours
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E. C. SURNAN
Special Agent in Charge

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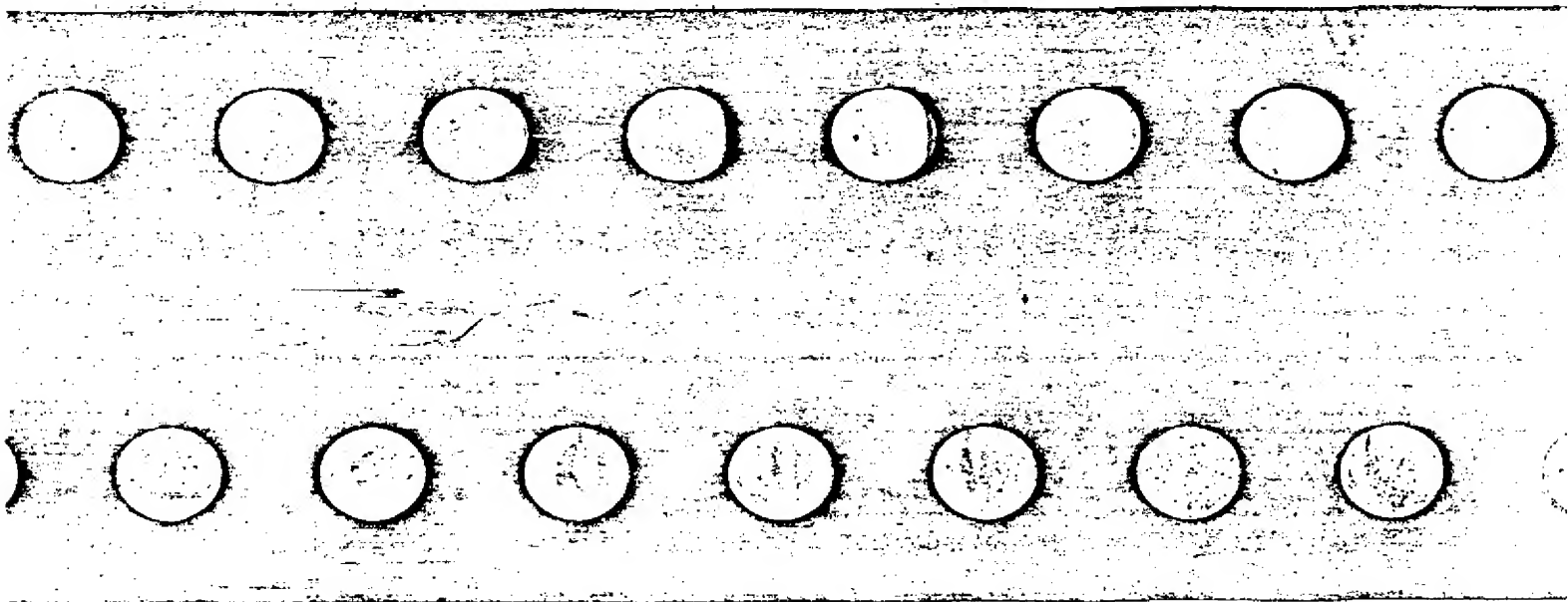
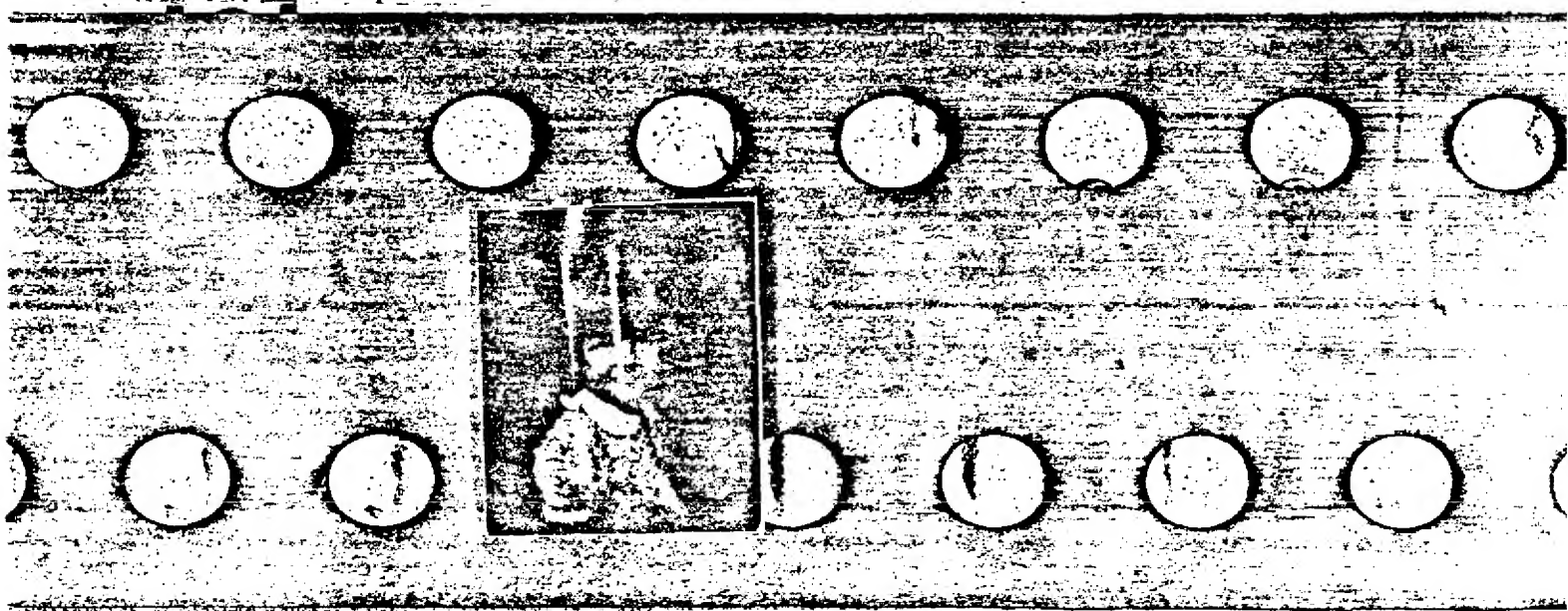
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NOT ACHIEVED by SOLEMN INVOCATIONS
of the BELOVED LORD, NOR
through pious hopes in a LEAGUE
of NATIONS, but only through ARMED
VIOLENCE.

JOIN THE AMERICA FAIST COMMITTEE
THE FATHERLAND COMMANDS YOU

LONG LIVE GERMANY

LONG  LIVE THE
REICHSWEHR



PASS THE WORD ALONG TO THE
COMRADES 1. ZEISLER

2. BOUARD

3. PATZOLD

4. KOPF SA.

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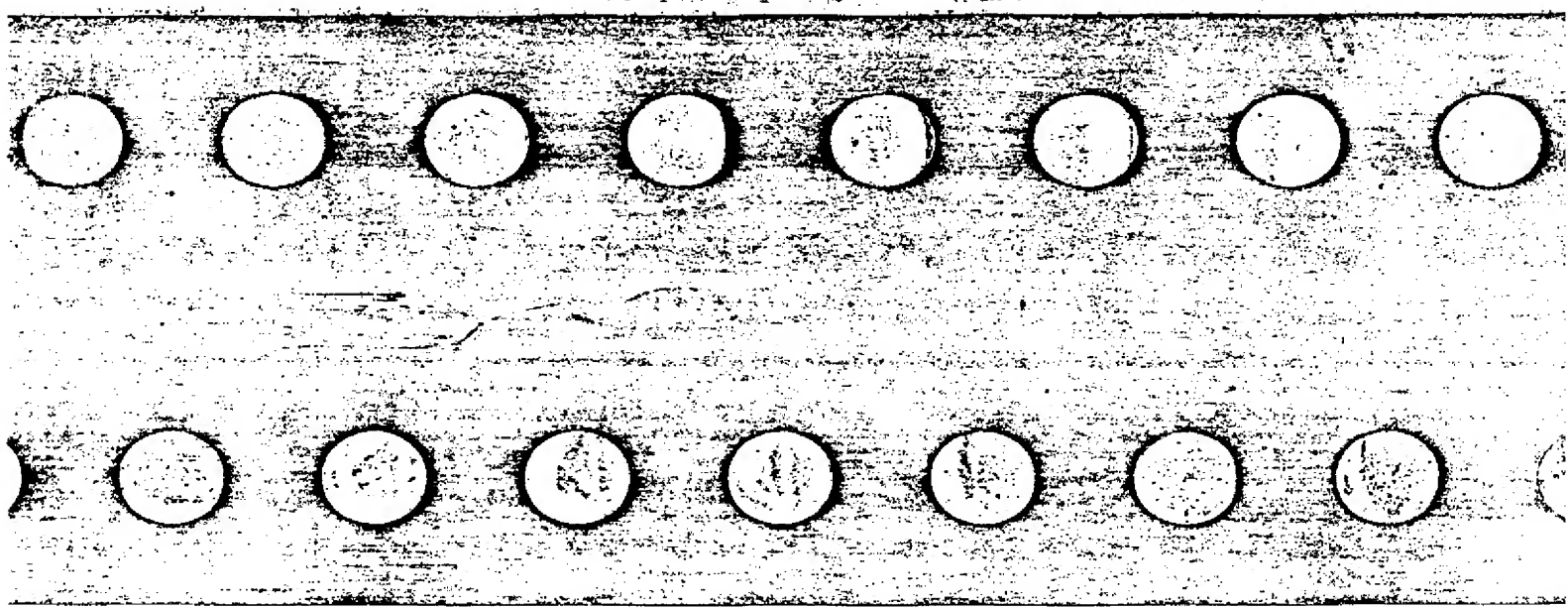
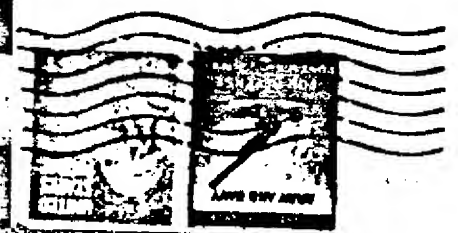


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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Unknown Subject;
[REDACTED] - Victim;
b7c Anonymous Communication.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated May 24, 1941.

Very truly yours,

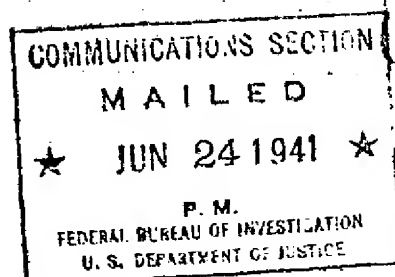
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Laboratory Report

June 21, 1941

File #100-4712-46

67c Re: Unknown Subject;
[REDACTED] - Victim;
Anonymous Communication.

Lab #49040

Examination requested by: Cincinnati
Reference: Letter 5-24-41
Examination requested: Document
Specimens: [REDACTED] 67c

100-4712-46 Q1 Envelope postmarked "Cincinnati, Ohio, 5, May 15, 1941, 5:30 PM".

Q2 Accompanying letter, message beginning "One must be perfectly clear that the".

Also submitted was a photograph of a child.

Result of examination:

The handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 was searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File but nothing of particular interest or significance was noted as would suggest investigation. Appropriate photographic copies will be added to this file and in the event an identification is effected in the future your office will be so advised.

The evidence submitted for examination is being retained in the Laboratory.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

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JOURNAL

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Published By Cache Valley Newspaper Co.

LOGAN, UTAH May 13, 1941

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

R Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate very much any information your department can give me on the "America First Committee". A chapter has been organized here recently, and through studying its literature I am convinced it is not as pure as it would seem on the surface.

Also, I would like to know if you have any information of a Miss Afton Lowder. Miss Lowder, a stranger in town until the said committee became active, is one of the chief aides of the Logan chapter. Although she claims her work is gratis, I can't help but feel she is a paid organizer. I have never been able to find any one in this locality who knows a thing about her or her background.

Although I am a newspaper worker, I am seeking this information for my personal satisfaction. Nothing will be printed unless full permission is granted by you.

Thank you very much for any information you are willing to give me on these matters.

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Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]
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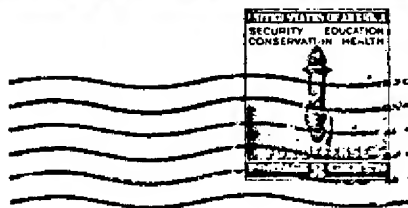
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BOX 510
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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June 20, 1941

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Herald-Journal
Logan, Utah

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Dear [REDACTED]

I was glad to receive your communication dated May 13, 1941, wherein you request certain information.

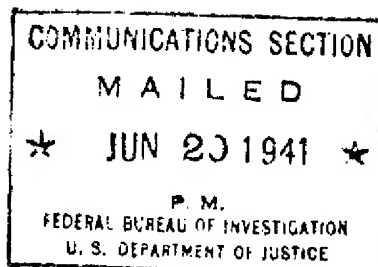
I regret that I must advise that all data contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are strictly confidential and can be released only upon the express order of the Attorney General. Consequently I am unable to be of any assistance to you at this time.

I trust that should you obtain any information which you deem of value concerning the internal security of our country you will not hesitate to refer it to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

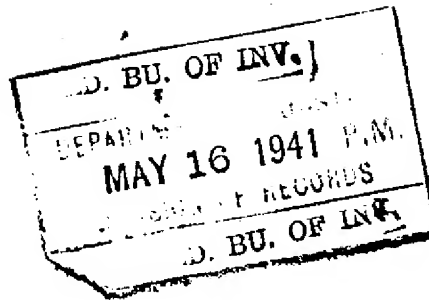
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NOTICE

PLEASE DO NOT
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FROM THE ATTACHED
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SINCE IT IS A
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OF THE RECORD.

DIVISION OF RECORDS



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Wash. D.C.

Dear [REDACTED]

Justice
(J.B.)
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Enclose find 2 leaflets
that were given out an American Fruit Committee
which was defited by a "Sky Pilot" a
minister of the Church at 34 St + 7 Ave
N.Y. City. I believe this Organization is an
Un American & its leaders should be
dealt with according to our laws.
Sincerely yours.

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*1/11 answer
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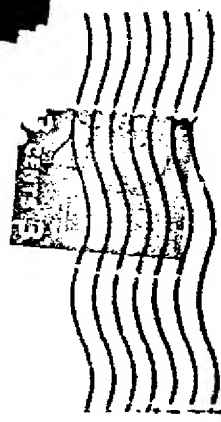
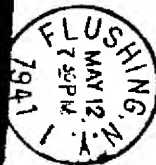
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

Please enroll me as a member of
THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

I declare that I am an American citizen and I am in no way connected with any foreign power or subversive influence, I wish to support the America First Committee.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

I enclose \$_____ to be used in furthering the causes for which the America First Committee is fighting.

(The America First Committee is supported entirely by voluntary contributions of time and money, but you need not contribute to become a member.)

Send or bring this card to

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, New York Chapter, Inc., 515 Madison Avenue, New York City

Principles
of

The America First Committee

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."
2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of the occupied countries.

Additional copies of this leaflet may be obtained at \$1.00 per hundred from

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
New York Chapter
515 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK CITY
PLaza 3-5425

Franklin D. Roosevelt said

**"CONVOYS MEAN
SHOOTING AND
SHOOTING MEANS
WAR"**

83%

of the American People

ARE AGAINST WAR

No Convoys-No War

THESE SOLEMN AND SACRED PLEDGES

Were Made by

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DURING THE 1940 ELECTION CAMPAIGN

We Will Not Participate Nor Inter- vene in Foreign Wars

"We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conflict or intervention in foreign disputes. I repeat again that I stand on the platform of our party; we will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our Army, Naval or Air Forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas except in case of attack."

"It is for peace that I have labored; and it is for peace that I shall labor all the days of my life."

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1940

The First Purpose of Our Foreign Policy Is to Keep Out of War

"We look at the old world of Europe today. It is an ugly world, poisoned by hatred, and greed and fear. We can see what has been the inevitable consequence of that poison—it has been war."

"And we look at this country, built by generations of peaceable, friendly men and women who had in their hearts faith—faith that the good life can be obtained by those who work for it."

"We know that we are determined to defend our country and with our neighbors to defend this hemisphere. We are strong in our defense."

"The first purpose of our foreign policy is to keep our country out of war."

Your Boys Are Not Going to Be Sent into Any Foreign Wars

"And while I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again, and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

"They are going into training to form a force so strong that, by its very existence, it will keep the threat of war far away from our shores. Yes, the purpose of our defense is defense."

Boston, Oct. 30, 1940

Ships Flying the American Flag Must Stay Out of the War Zones

"In 1935 in the face of growing dangers throughout the world, your government undertook to eliminate the hazards which in the past had led to war. We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent; and that they must stay out of war zones."

New York City, Oct. 28, 1940

I Am Fighting to Keep Out of Foreign Wars

"I am fighting to keep this nation prosperous and at peace. I am fighting to keep our people out of foreign wars and to keep foreign conceptions of government out of our own United States."

Brooklyn, Nov. 1, 1940

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Join the America First Committee which is leading this fight to keep America out of war. Enroll your neighbors. Form an America First Committee chapter in your community.

2. Write, Write, WRITE.
Key men are:

President Roosevelt

Senator Walter F. George
Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Also write to your Senators and Representatives.

3. Write your newspaper and radio commentator.

4. Volunteer for office work and street speaking

at the

**AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
NEW YORK CHAPTER, INC.**

515 Madison Avenue
New York City
PLaza 3-5425

**DEMAND FAITHFUL FULFILLMENT
Of President Roosevelt's
SOLEMN and SACRED PROMISES**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

May 17, 1941

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: ⁵AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Senator BURTON K. WHEELER came to Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday, May 3, 1941, to address an assemblage called together by the America First Committee, Buffalo Chapter. The meeting was held in the evening at the Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, N.Y., and was attended by 5,000 persons. For your information, the meeting was quiet and orderly.

The Senator made reference to the F.B.I. on two occasions. Near the beginning of his speech he expressed an opinion that many U. S. citizens might hesitate to express their anti-war attitude because they are "afraid of the F.B.I." The second reference to this Bureau was simply a recollection on the Senator's part in connection with his duties as U. S. Attorney during the last World War. He mentioned that he had sent an F.B.I. Agent to investigate a complaint that German airplanes were seen flying over the mountains in Western United States. The Senator cited this as an example of what the people will imagine during the stress of war days.

Very truly yours,

J. T. MADIGAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

May 22nd, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

This morning [REDACTED] called at the New York Division to furnish information concerning the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE which he characterized as a very dangerous situation.

It seems that he attended a meeting held at Jamaica, Long Island, last night which was advertised as a meeting of AMERICANS UNITED, the Chairman of which is one THOMAS A. SULLY. Speakers at the meeting were Senators NYE and WALSH. It appears that during the evening [REDACTED] contacted both senators and in substance stated to them that he admired their work but felt that they should investigate the auspices under which they spoke.

[REDACTED] was greatly perturbed about the fact that at the meeting a circular which is entitled "I SOLEMNLY VOW", which appears to be issued by the "COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY DEFENDING AMERICA", 7501 Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, N. Y., was passed out at the meeting and that advertisements appeared on the walls of the meeting hall in connection with the meeting of the AMERICA FIRST group tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden, and that several of the executives of the AMERICA FIRST group were present on the speakers platform.

[REDACTED] stated that THOMAS A. SULLY, who appears to be connected with AMERICANS UNITED, is the same individual who is connected with the circulars issued some two years ago.

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eighteen copies of which he left with Agent [REDACTED] on his recent visit to Washington, D. C. b7c

At the time he appeared at the New York Division, which was 9:00 A. M., [REDACTED] stated that he had not had any sleep. b7c b7D

During the interview he exhibited copies of Western Union messages which he had filed during the early morning hours addressed to the President of the United States, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Senators Nye, Walsh, Wagner and Meade, Governor Lehman of New York, and several Congressmen. All of these messages were verbose in character, somewhat unintelligible and attempted to convey the impression that he was disturbed because of the fact that the meeting, although ostensibly held under the auspices of AMERICANS UNITED, had resulted in literature being passed out by the COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY DEFENDING AMERICA.

[REDACTED]

For the Bureau's information, there is being attached to this letter a copy of the AMERICANS UNITED membership card which was received from [REDACTED] and a copy of the circular "I SOLEMNLY VOW".

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan

T. J. DONEGAN, Acting for
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Assistant Director

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

AMERICANS UNITED · MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

118-14 Queens Boulevard, near Union Turnpike - Forest Hills, L. I.
Phone BOulevard 8-2750

Chairman Thomas A. Sully

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICANS UNITED:

1. The United States must build an impregnable national defense.
2. Our American democratic liberties can only be preserved by keeping out of foreign wars — in Europe or in Asia.

I am an American citizen and agree with the principles of the AMERICANS UNITED —
Please enroll me as a member.

Enclosed herewith are my annual dues \$1.00 in advance.

SIGNED

NAME

Address

City and State

Please mail dues and voluntary contributions in addressed envelope to Thomas A. Sully,
Chairman — above address.

I herewith contribute \$ in support of the aims of Americans United.

"I SOLEMNLY VOW"

Fellow Americans: Enlist in our campaign to keep America out of war. Only Congress has the power to declare war. Therefore it is most important to make Congress responsive to the wishes of the American people.

A majority of our Senators and Representatives have long been pawns of a President ambitious for dictatorial power, who is apparently leading us down the road to war, despite his solemn pledges in the last presidential campaign.

If you solemnly vow never to vote as long as you live for any member of Congress whose supine weakness rubberstamps another war for his fellow Americans to fight, then there will be no war. Your Congressman knows that your pledge will be kept, that his failure to carry out your wishes will constitute his automatic retirement from public life. He will prefer to heed the people and be no man's slave.

The pledge cards should be sent by each member of the family over eighteen years of age who is opposed to War, to the following individuals, listed in the order of their importance in the Campaign to save Our Great America:

1. Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.
2. Congressman William B. Barry, Washington, D. C.
3. Congressman Leonard W. Hall, Washington, D. C.
4. Congressman Matthew J. Merritt, Washington, D. C.
5. Congresswoman Caroline O'Day, Washington, D. C.
6. U. S. Senator James M. Mead, Washington, D. C.
7. U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, Washington, D. C.
8. Hon. James V. Roe, 135-19 35th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

Buy additional pledge cards at cost: \$12.50 a thousand post paid in U. S. A. for civic groups; \$1.00 for 80 cards for your family circle; 25¢ for 20 cards for your individual supply.

Shoot your Black Arrows and stop the War Mongers in their tracks!

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY DEFENDING AMERICA
7501 Ridge Boulevard - Shore Road 5-1456 - Brooklyn, N. Y.

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May 19th, 1941

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

I would appreciate any information you could give me as to the beginnings of the America First Committee. I have become a member but felt I would like to know more about the inner workings of this organization.

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply, and thank you in advance for the information.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 19, 1941. Please be advised that by a well-established policy of the Department of Justice all information contained in the files of the FBI is strictly confidential and can be released only on the express order of the Attorney General. I regret that I am therefore unable to be of any assistance to you.

I am returning herewith the self-addressed stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your communication.

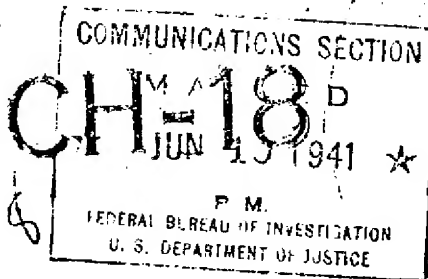
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Saint Louis, Missouri
June 4, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following information was
[REDACTED] regarding a speech made by Senator BENNETT C.
CLARK, on May 3, 1941, at the Arena, in St. Louis, Missouri.
CHARLES LINDBERGH was on the same program.

"Distortion in German Weekly of Senator Clark's
reference to investigations by the FBI in his speech on the occasion
of the America First Committee meeting on Saturday May 3, 1941, at
the Arena, 5700 Oakland Avenue.

(German Weekly) Deutsche Wochenschrift, May 8, 1941,
page 6.

Translation - Editorial

CONGRESS WAITS FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, who, together
with Charles Lindbergh on Saturday at the America First mass meeting
expressed himself against the participation of America in the war,
appealed to the citizenry to write or wire now to their representatives
in Congress that they should take a stand against the war, against
convoys and against all measures that lead to war. 'The great majority
of the people is against war and Congress has to follow this sentiment'
quoting Clark.

According to his experiences on his speaking trip the
great majority of the people, who are against the war policies, would
write to their Congressmen, if they were not in fear that the FBI in
consequence would investigate them. Senator Clark called that a false
opinion and told those people as well as the audience that in such
cases they should address themselves to him, and he would then
investigate the FBI.

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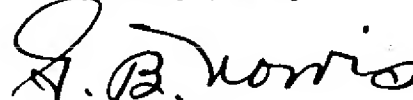
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"Senator Clark was quoted incorrectly in the above article of the German Weekly.

"What he said in the course of his address concerning investigations by the FBI is quoted verbatim in the Globe Democrat of May 4, 1941, page 8 A, under headline "Lindbergh Warns Against War" as follows:

'In urging his hearers to write the President and Congressmen not to be led into permitting ~~convoying~~, this final step into war, he charged some persons had been led to believe if they write the President their opinion they will be investigated by the FBI. That's poppycock. If you hear of any such thing, let me know and I'll have the FBI investigated.' "

Very truly yours,



G. B. NORRIS

Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

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<p>REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 5-23-41</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-24-41</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c</p>
<p>TITLE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY(R) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/6/86 BY SP6bjaf b7D</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A review of the files [REDACTED] indicate instant organization to be Pacifist in nature, organized for purpose of opposing conveying armaments to Britain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Pursuant to instructions from Special Agent in Charge JOHN F. SEARS, Philadelphia, that a report of a review of the files [REDACTED] be made relative to public meetings held by the America First Committee and attended by [REDACTED] the following information was ascertained:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On March 21, 1941 [REDACTED] to attend a meeting of the America First Committee, at the Walton Hotel, Broad and Locust Sts., Philadelphia. [REDACTED] ascertained that the national headquarters of the America First Committee was located at 1322 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and that the local Philadelphia headquarters of this committee was located at 34 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia.</p>			
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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] J. J. Sears</p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>(5-BUREAU 2-PHILADELPHIA) CH-20</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">100-4712-1-52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUN 9 1941</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 26 1941</p>	

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[REDACTED] reported that the above mentioned meeting at the Walton Hotel was not a public meeting but that admission to the meeting was for members upon presentation of a card which had been previously mailed to them. There were approximately 300 persons present at this meeting.

Mr. ISAAC A. PENNYPACKER, who is a member of the law firm of GEORGE H. WHARTON PEPPER, Philadelphia, acted as chairman of the meeting. Besides Mr. PENNYPACKER the following two individuals addressed the audience: CHARLES CORWIN WHITE, New York City, and JOHN EDWIN LISTER, Philadelphia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he ascertained that the purpose of the America First Committee was to oppose the United States conveying armaments to Britain. He said further that the announced purpose of the instant meeting was to make arrangements for obtaining more members and for educating the general public to the aims of their organization.

[REDACTED] stated further that the general theme of all speakers was to the effect that the American public was not being given the benefit of all the news concerning the present war and the speakers were further demanding the press print all the news concerning the present war. [REDACTED] did not give any further information relative to this meeting and the files of [REDACTED] revealed no additional information.

PENDING.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION- at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will ascertain the names of the present officers of the Philadelphia America First Committee, their backgrounds and present activities.

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NONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

May 24, 1941

To the Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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To Whom It May Concern,

It was the first time I had ever listened to at least a part of an address delivered by Leader Linbergh at Madison Square Garden Friday night, May 23. And, judging from the wild applause given by the audience, I have reason to believe that it's the kind of audience that one could find in some of the European countries when the Leader is to speak. Would it be possible under our existing laws to trap an audience of that sort and force every attendant before leaving to be fingerprinted and names secured. Such action might result in rounding up more undesirables than a dozen private raids.

Trusting that this may be of some service to your department and mainly to our country

Sincerely yours
An American

P.S. Let us do a little intelligent work without always looking up the statute-books as to whether it is Constitutional or not.

America - Good Country
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Pittsburgh, Penna
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Honorable Mr. President
Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Honorable Mr. President:

I just wish to inform you
that many good people and I
pray constantly for your good
health and your well being.

In spite of "America First
Committee" slander on our good
President and the Administration,
real Americans await your
speech and will back your
judgment. However, I would like
to know why various committees
who are quick to probe into
labor at every instance, are
not even interested in the
dangerous propaganda spread
by the "America First Committee"
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Right must triumph
Democracy can't lose
Progress never goes backward
may God bless you and
give you strength!

Sincerely yours

o American First Committee

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1941.

Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Respectfully referred to the
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
for attention.

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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4038 United States Court House
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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June 10, 1941.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: CHARLES A. LINDBERGH
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

On the evening of May 29, 1941, Colonel CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, United States Senator DAVIN I. WALSH and novelist KATHLEEN MORRIS were the principal speakers at a meeting of the America First Committee at the Arena in Philadelphia, Pa.

Transmitted herewith is a clipping from the Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated May 30, 1941, concerning this meeting and a leaflet which was passed out at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Special Agents [REDACTED] b7c

of this office. Although the meeting was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., the Arena was filled to capacity at 7:00 p.m., and by 8:30 p.m., there were about five thousand people listening to a loud speaker in an adjoining lot and in the streets.

The speakers made quite a point of the fact that the national radio companies had refused the facilities of their broadcasting systems for a nation-wide broadcast of the meeting and stated that everything possible was being done to prevent the America First Committee from presenting their views to the American people.

The Agents observed no disorders or fights, and the meeting was orderly, though enthusiastic.

The crowd cheered the talks given by LINDBERGH, Senator WALSH and KATHLEEN MORRIS, and each time the President's name was mentioned a loud cheer went up from the crowd.

The Agents who attended the meeting were not able to

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enter the Arena proper, but circulated in the crowd without revealing their identities to anyone.

There appeared to be just as many people outside of the Arena as there were inside, and it was the general opinion that the American First Committee was gaining in strength and that undoubtedly there were more people present for the American First Meeting than there were for the LaGuardia protest meeting the night before.

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosures
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NY.
May 29/41
F B. I.
Washington DC

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

35 Dear Sir
The enclosed pamphlet
was thrust into my hands
on 42nd street - here last
night - while a man was
haranguing the passers by.
The whole thing is lies
but it sometimes gets into
the hands of people who
might believe it.

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THESE SOLEMN AND SACRED PLEDGES

Were Made by

President Roosevelt During the 1940 Election Campaign

We Will Not Participate Nor Intervene In Foreign Wars

"We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conflict or intervention in foreign disputes. I repeat again that I stand on the platform of our party; we will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our Army, Naval or Aid Forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas except in case of attack."

"It is for peace that I have labored; and it is for peace that I shall labor all the days of my life."

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1940

The First Purpose of Our Foreign Policy Is to Keep Out of War

"We look at the old world of Europe today. It is an ugly world, poisoned by greed, and greed and fear. We can see what has been the inevitable consequence of that poison—it has been war."

"And we look at this country, built by generations of peaceable, friendly men and women who had in their hearts faith—faith that the good life can be obtained by those who work for it."

"We know that we are determined to defend our country and with our neighbors to defend this hemisphere. We are strong in our defense."

"The first purpose of our foreign policy is to keep our country out of war."

Cleveland, Nov. 2, 1940

Your Boys Are Not Going to Be Sent Into Any Foreign Wars

"And while I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again, and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

"They are going into training to form a force so strong that, by its very existence, it will keep the threat of war far away from our shores. Yes, the purpose of our defense is defense."

Boston, Oct. 30, 1940

Ships Flying the American Flag Must Stay Out of the War Zones.

"In 1935 in the face of growing dangers throughout the world, your government undertook to eliminate the hazards which in the past had led to war. We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent, and that they must stay out of war zones."

New York City, Oct. 28, 1940

I Am Fighting to Keep Out of Foreign Wars

"I am fighting to keep this nation prosperous and at peace. I am fighting to keep our people out of foreign wars and to keep foreign conceptions of government out of our own United States."

Brooklyn, Nov. 1, 1940

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from
THE HORRORS OF WAR

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JOIN WITH US NOW
and

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in the

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New York Chapter, Inc.

515 Madison Avenue, New York City

"I Hate War"

said

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

and

83%

of the American People

ARE AGAINST WAR

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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Principles

of the

America First Committee

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."
2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of the occupied countries.

Additional copies of this leaflet may be obtained at \$1.00 per hundred from

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New York Chapter, Inc.

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I declare that I am an American citizen and I am in no way connected with any foreign power or subversive influence. I wish to support the America First Committee.

Name

Address

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I enclose \$_____ to be used in furthering the cause for which the America First Committee is fighting.

(The America First Committee is supported entirely by voluntary contributions of time and money, but you need not contribute to become a member.)

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J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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I am enclosing some news-
paper items relative to the
"America First" rally held
Wednesday night last.
Isn't there something that
can be done to ~~stop~~ shut
up Lindbergh and his
crowd? It seems to me we
are permitting too much
"freedom of speech", especially
in times like these.

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Very truly yours

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P.S. Incidentally, I believe there is a "Bund" down in Lake Mathilde, about three miles below Turnersville, N.J. off the Black Horse Pike. It is a small lake with several German families living there and I know that one family left a good home in Ohio to go down to that out-of-the-way place to live in a small, ~~and~~ shack-like house.

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OPINIONS & REVIEWS

PAGE:

Pro-Nazi Cheers Must Show Lindbergh he is being Used as 5th Column Spearhead

THE Lindbergh meeting in the Arena Thursday was a studied attempt to picture a world situation composed in effect of the following items:

1. A hated and despicable predatory power called England, led by an individual abhorrent to mankind, called Churchill, started an unprovoked attack against a friendly people who had been goaded to distraction by a wicked imposition placed on them by this England and America under the guise of a treaty (Versailles).

2. This hated foreign power has been soundly thrashed to date, as it deserved to be, to the complete satisfaction and joy of all good Americans.

3. The Nazis, victims of this war, have no hostile intentions of any sort against this hemisphere, or any interest of this hemisphere, and have never done anything ("overt act") to support the hysterical animosity drummed up against them by American warmongers.

4. In fact, far from having any intention of trying to conquer the earth or interfere with our ideals or system of government, the exact contrary is the case. It is the administrators of the United States who are planning to be the aggressors with the purpose and intention of conquering the world and forcing our dominion over all creation, including the friendly and peaceful Nazis.

5. A wicked man has managed to get himself elected President by fraud and lies. This wicked man proposes to kill untold millions of American youth in overweening attempts to subdue the world to his way of thinking. In this he is supported by men too old to fight, who have no sons to be endangered, or else by those who have financial interests in England or an unreasoning and unjustifiable hatred of Germany.

6. The time has come to repudiate and change both this policy and the leaders of America, and to substitute Charles Lindbergh as the leader. Means not specified.

7. To be sure, American shores and cities should be defended if attacked, but there is no prospect of any attack. And the time and place to start defense is when and if an enemy appears off our shores in battle array.

8. To prevent the Nazis seizing the Azores or the Canaries or ourselves establishing ourselves there is to advocate a breach of the Seventh Commandment, against stealing. These islands

belong to Europe and Europe belongs to the Nazis. Consequently the Nazis would be just as justified in taking American islands to protect themselves from Roosevelt's manifest aggressions as he would be in taking the Azores on the flimsy pretense of defense.

THE sympathies and emotional motives behind this view of the situation were demonstrated and emphasized beyond any possibility of misunderstanding.

The President was mentioned twice. Each time the hall rocked with a deafening torrent of boos, catcalls and groans.

Every mention of England, or Churchill was the signal for an even greater demonstration of unrestrained fury and hatred.

England's defeats were enumerated with gusto and the recital of the subjugation of each successive nation the Nazis have invaded was greeted with cheers, laughter and applause.

Perhaps even more significant was the derision of the speakers and the laughter of the audience directed toward our ridiculous idea that Nazi military efficiency could be met by any moral opposition.

It must be observed also that no mention was made of Hitler—not one. The reason was obvious. Parts of the audience would have broken out into hysterical cheering. And this is not part of the strategy. No word was said about seapower or American interest in, or rights upon, any ocean. Any aspect of the President's speech which might lead to doubts of the validity of the picture presented were completely ignored.

The whole thing was not a discussion. It was the presentation of the world situation as drawn for American consumption by the Nazi Office of Propaganda and Enlightenment, with no deviation or modification.

Great emphasis was laid upon the inalienable right of everyone in America to express his opinion (including alien enemies.)

There can then be no objection to this opinion:

It is impossible for Lindbergh to dispense this studied and false story in an atmosphere of pro-Nazi enthusiasm night after night and not be perfectly aware of the fact that he is the spearhead of the professional German fifth column and selected as the future leader of any success it can attain.

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An Alien Technique?

ADDRESSING the Arena meeting Thursday night, CHARLES A. LINDBERGH said:

"The America First Committee stands for leadership of a different type With your help, we will create a leadership for our nation that places America first. I am glad to be able to tell you that our strength is rising."

It is time for the American people to ask themselves what these words, echoed from LINDBERGH's New York speech, mean.

Leadership in this country is provided by vote of the people, under our Constitution and laws.

The people chose this leadership at the polls last year.

The contender who won with 27,000,000 votes and the contender who lost with 22,000,000 votes are agreed as to the policy their country should pursue in this national emergency.

How does the America First Committee propose to "create a leadership" other than that created by the Constitution of the United States and established by the vote of the people?

How does it propose to undermine the authority of the Chief Executive of the United States, deprive him of his Constitutional right to shape the foreign policy of this country, and substitute its own judgment for his judgment of the action now required for national defense?

The America First Committee and those who for any reason agree with its beliefs have every right, in this democratic land, to question the policy of their Government, and to shout objections from the housetops. That's freedom of speech.

But when this committee's spokesman begins to talk about creating another leadership, at a time when a Presidential election is remote, a new technique is introduced.

New, that is, in a democracy under constitutional government. But the technique has been seen at work elsewhere.

A leadership not provided for in the Constitution? It behooves believers in the American way of life to sit up and take notice.

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June 23, 1941

Camden, New Jersey

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 31, 1941, with enclosure, and I want to express my deep appreciation for the interest which you have displayed in making this material available to me.

Please be advised that the content of your letter as well as the enclosed material has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the FBI.

Should you obtain any further data which you deem of value concerning the internal security of our country, please do not hesitate to communicate with Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1836 Raymond-Commerce Building, Newark, New Jersey.

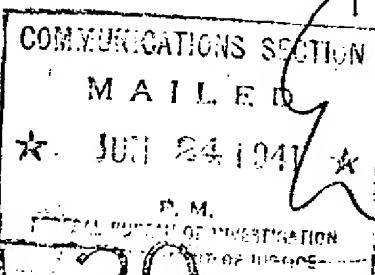
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Director

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cc Newark, Enclosure



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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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Dear Sir, -

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Enclosed is a clipping of an Ad
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than we of the local Defense
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Is this America First Committee

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subversive organization?
What can we do to discourage
them? They did have an
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that some pressure & considerable
talk has caused them to close the
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the homes of the members.

We want to hear about
the organization and what
we can do about it. They are
influential with the young;
"Save our Boys" etc and much
weight on Mothers to keep
their sons out of service.
Thank you for your attention.
Very Truly Yours
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CONVOY

A FUNERAL TRAIN

Convoys mean war—a shooting, bloody war.

Senator Walter F. George, during the debate on H. R. 1776, admitted as much. William Allen White, as Chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, wrote on December 23, 1940:

"The story is floating around that I and our committee are in favor of sending convoys with British ships or our own ships, a silly thing, for convoys, unless you shoot, are confetti and it's not time to shoot now or ever."

Just what is a convoy? A convoy is a protecting force, an armed escort, accompanying ships transporting munitions, merchandise and money to a nation at war. And what is a convoy for? It is supposed to fight off ships, submarines and airplanes that attack the supply vessels. And how does a convoy do that? By using its heavy guns, its torpedoes its anti-aircraft fire and by sinking the attacking ships and their crews.

In any man's language this means war, and an offensive war at that.

The Neutrality act of 1939 was passed during comparatively calm days when we knew we would need a wise policy for excited, emotional times such as we are now experiencing. This law prohibits our merchant vessels from entering zones defined by the President as combat areas.

This prohibition was written into the law at the insistence of the President himself. The President regarded this prohibition as the first objective of his policy. In the course of his message on September 21, 1939, to the special session of Congress which enacted the Neutrality law of 1939, President Roosevelt said:

"With the repeal of the embargo this Government clearly and definitely will insist that American citizens and American ships keep

away from the immediate perils of the actual zones of conflict."

Both the opponents and proponents of the bill recognized that incidents which would certainly involve us in war could not occur if American vessels were kept out of danger zones. There is good, American common sense in such a policy.

The Neutrality act does not apply to the Navy. But if it is sound to keep our merchant ships out of dangerous waters it is twice as sound to keep our fighting ships out of these zones. When our vessels, both merchant and naval, do not sail into war zones, the possibility of embroilment in war abroad is radically lessened. The fact that not a single incident involving American ships has occurred on the high seas in this war shows the wisdom of this policy.

Almost every public man in the country, including Franklin D. Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie has pledged his opposition to "sending our boys abroad." This is also a pledge against naval convoys. Our warships are manned by American boys. American planes, piloted by American boys, will be needed to make the convoys effective. With our Navy and Air Force in the war, our Army will not be far behind.

The dictionary gives as one definition for convoy, "a funeral train." That is just what it will be for the United States if we permit our Navy to convoy supply ships to Britain. It will be a funeral train for millions of our boys killed in an unnecessary war and a funeral train for the remains of a democracy murdered in a foolhardy venture.

Americans, after all the hysterical propaganda, are still 83 per cent opposed to entry into war. By the same percentage, Americans must be opposed to convoys.

Write — Wire — Telephone

YOUR PRESIDENT

YOUR SENATORS

YOUR CONGRESSMEN

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America First Committee

"THE PATH TO WAR IS A FALSE PATH TO FREEDOM"

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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Dear Sir,

It is presuming of me perhaps to write to you, but how else can one get information except from the Best Source.

Enclosed is a clipping of an ad in the Sarasota Herald Tribune of several weeks ago. There have been many - their funds seem extremely plentiful; much more than we of the local Defense Committee can afford for publicity.

Is this America First Committee a subversive organization? What can we do to discourage them? They did have an office but now I understand that some pressure and considerable talk has caused them to close the office and now all meetings are private taking place in the homes of the members.

We want to know about the organization and what we can do about it. They are influential with the young: "Save our Boys" etc and much weight on Mothers to keep their sons out of service. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,
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(Enclosed with [REDACTED] communication was an advertisement entitled "Convoy A Funeral Train," of America First Committee published in an unidentified newspaper.)

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Sarasota, Florida

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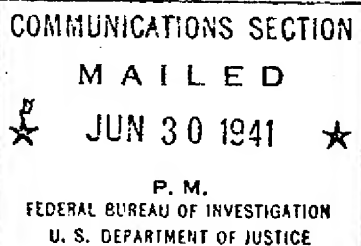
With respect to your inquiries, please be advised that a well established policy of the Department of Justice precludes me from commenting upon such matters.

I trust that you will not hesitate to refer to me any data which you deem of interest to the internal security of our country.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Miami - copies of incoming attached.



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Fresno, Calif., b7c
May 28, 1941.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Can you give me any information
which will aid me in determining the
status of a group called The America
First Committee?

Having attended a few meetings here
it seems there is a strong under-
current of Anti-United States despite
all their verbal protestations of
Americanism.

I am a respected, hard working,
native born American and I paid
my dollar membership dues so I
may attend all meetings
if possible what they represent.

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Yours truly,

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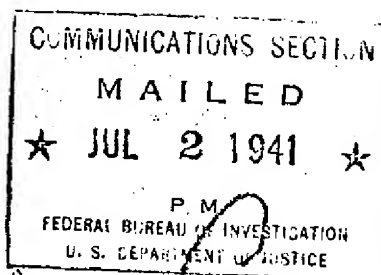
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May 24, 1941

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Based upon a statement by Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank, of the America First Committee, and an advertisement published in yesterday's Chicago Tribune, it is inferable that you may receive numerous communications from persons describing themselves as "of the 79% opposed to foreign war."

The percentage distorts the Gallup poll, which shows a majority in favor of whatever is requisite to avoid a Hitler victory. Furthermore the war is not a "foreign war".

The America First Committee sponsors speakers indifferent as to whether Germany or Britain wins and who have favored shortening the war by curtailing supplies to Britain and thus assuring its defeat by Hitler.

This is the committee which the German press urge readers to support. It is the committee at whose meetings your name and Great Britain are booed, and the statement that Britain cannot win is applauded. It is the committee which provides a front for all Nazi sympathizers.

Mrs. Fairbank has been publicly quoted as author of a reprehensible reference to the able and courageous Secretary of War - an utterance difficult to credit to anyone of understanding and politeness.

Very respectfully,

cc Hon. Henry L. Stimson.
cc Hon. Frank Knox.
cc Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank.

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Venice, California

May 25, 1941

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Honorable F. D. Roosevelt

White House

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

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I beg to inform you that during the present and future crisis we have a very dangerous element right in the United States which will undermine gradually, the unity of the American people, unless immediate action will be taken against these elements.

Not long ago the organization which is called, o America First, began on a small scale and today they are functioning to such a large extent that they have nation wide campaigns to poison the minds of the American people. They are also on the radio to be sure that the people who are not able to attend those meetings that they could hear the broadcast and the re-broadcasts.

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I'm not sure if Mr. Charles Lindbergh and Senator Wheeler are aware of what they are doing against not only the United States but against our government also. What really upsets me is that our government hasn't put up a single speaker who would comment against the America First broadcasts. For that reason I'm going to organize an organization under the

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W. K. [REDACTED]

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title, "Stop, Look and Listen America," and if I will receive enough financial backing each time Senator Wheeler or Lindbergh will speak we will make arrangements that the next day we will comment correctly on the radio at our meetings on whatever speeches they may use to spread their propaganda. Mr. Hitler with his highest paid agents could never have achieved in our country any better paid propaganda to mislead our people than Senator Wheeler and Charles Lindbergh who are suppose to be two of our leading citizens.

I'm not positive if Senator Wheeler or Lindbergh do this consciously or unconsciously? But no matter how they are doing it they surely will have quite a few supporters because it is human nature that all parents would sooner like to see their sons near them than see them in uniforms to be taught for national defense. These parents who are so narrow minded that they cannot think it over that our country must be prepared for any emergency in the future, especially when the crisis is shifting so suddenly from one end of the world to the other.

Somebody must speak against this propaganda in our country which becomes worse as the days go by. Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh spoke of everything openly with the exception that they did not say, let's overthrow our government and put up a government which is willing to play ball with us. This is what we call taking advantage of the rights of free speech in using it to help other powers who are our greatest enemies. Since this freedom was laid down by our forefathers in our democratic

way of life it is hard to change the Constitution to stop this kind of propaganda which is worse than fifth column activities or sabotage, but we could do so much to explain to the American people what we could expect from a person like Hitler if we isolate ourselves.

All the other countries the past two years which are at present under Hitler's rule by aggression isolated themselves by remaining neutral. They did the same which Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh are advocating to our people right now. What has happened to those countries?

I am enclosing a hand bill which was delivered to every home in our city by the Communist Party. I cannot see any reason why these Red Organizations should not spread their propaganda even stronger when our Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh give them all the encouragement.

We know well the seriousness of this situation, but the question is what are we going to do about it? I'm sure about one thing that we must do something about it. And as long as free speech will exist we must answer these people with comments which will show to our people why our administration is aiding England, why we are preparing ourselves, and how the future will look and reflect upon our own country with a Hitler victory. We also must explain to the people why peace at this time is impossible.

Mr. President it is high time to put a check against these people who are receiving more and more support each day. It is just like a home which has caught fire and if we extinguish it

at once it cannot spread any further.


My Mother always said, "My son try to learn in your life if possible, by studying other people's troubles and experiences in making up your mind which road to follow to avade all obsticles.

It is true Mr. President that you made promises to the people during your presidential campaign that you will follow the road to peace and we are sure that you will if you possibly could? But since last October the swift events which are occuring around us may force you to change your mind if you find out that we cannot avade a fight. In case you would have to do this the American people's unity is more essential today than ever before in our existence. We surely, could not have two blind persons like Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh stir up misunderstanding among our people.

Hitler's own words were, "When I want to go against the Americas I will not use force, but my agents will spread enough propaganda which will start a civil war among them and then I will walk in and put them under my protectorate."

Let's hope that this will not happen here. Please permit me to wish you the best of health and strength and you may with the help of our Lord lead our country to become a symbol and an example to the world that there is no better way than the democratic way of life. I remain,

Respectfully yours



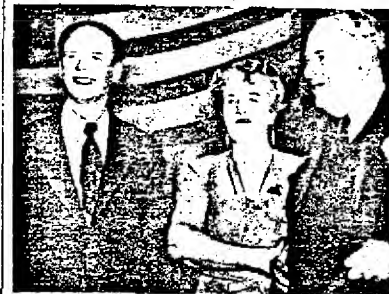
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16,000 hoot F.D.R., cheer Fuehrer at Lindbergh tirade

By ROBERT E. VALE

More than 16,000 men and women inside and outside the Arena last night booed and hissed and hooted President Roosevelt, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh called for the overthrow of the "new leadership."

LED ANTI-ROOSEVELT RALLY HERE



APPEARANCE of this trio on speakers' table at the Arena last night was signal for anti-political outburst. Left to right, they are Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris, the novelist, and Sen. David I. Walsh, one of leading congressional isolationists. (Daily News Photo)

Goosestep bevy leads loud yahs for Lone Eagle

By JULIA SHAWELL

The Lone Eagle shared his series with a strange assortment of anti-fellows as the America First committee jammed the Arena to capacity last night for the Lindbergh rally that at times touched the tempo of high hysteria.

Men who have sung the Horst Wessel song at E. J. Connelley's meetings here and were well up front last night had plenty of enthusiastic company for the "yahs" when Hitler's name was mentioned.

Dr. Beale Burrett, who recently resigned as a public high school teacher when official action was taken by the authorities after she posted a "virulent anti-Roosevelt" bulletin in a schoolroom, was surrounded by a concurrent chorus of thousands for the heroic Roosevelt boy.

"FRONTISTS" UP FRONT
Christian Frontists had box seats and gave them as preferably esconced were men whose pro-Nazi utterances have evoked FBI investigations within the past six months.

The Mothers and Daughters of Pennsylvania were there occupying the back seats. So were the Crusading Mothers, a newly-formed organization, offshoot of resignations from the Pennsylvania State Mothers. There were members of the National League of Mothers and a dozen newly-formed organizations with such-sounding patriotic names.

Mrs. Kathleen Norris, author of a hundred best-seller love poems, turned her phrase-making on the British, the war messengers in fact, on all those who don't agree with ex-Col. Lindbergh and her.

Mrs. Anna Morrow Lindbergh, dressed in dark blue, took her wide-brimmed black hat off, and stepped to the front for the loud

THEY CHEERED



WAITING flag and sporting bus partners as Lindbergh voiced the nation's wish for a new leader of seeking world dominion.

And there was not a single demonstration of approval for a policy of fortifying ourselves with gun ships, airplanes and bombs.

WATSON SINGS AT BOOS
Most cheering of all was the smile that spread over the face of United States Sen. David I. Walsh of Massachusetts when the Arena rang and roared with the booms of President Roosevelt.

Instead of protesting, instead of receding the disgraced exhibition, Sen. Walsh sat in his seat beaming on the half-fronted crowd.

Lindbergh went further in his attacks on the Roosevelt administration last night than in any of his previous talks.

He denounced the policy of the President in throwing up a defense line in the Atlantic as far seaward as Greenland, the Cape Verde Islands and Dakar, and it was right there that the audience cheered Hitler.

"Our own President says that the safety of America lies in controlling the Cape Verde Islands at the coast of Africa," he shouted.

Instantly there were hoots and boos for Roosevelt.

HITLER'S NAME CHEERED
Then Lindbergh added:

"Then Hitler made a statement like that."

The response was instantaneous. Cheers swept through the Arena.

There were more hoots for the President when Lindbergh asserted:

"It is Roosevelt himself who advocates world domination when he says that it is our business to control the wars of Europe and Asia and that we in America must dominate the islands lying off the African coast."

The Lindbergh call for a new leadership and for renunciation of the Roosevelt policies was a careful buildup to a climax that threw the Arena into a tremendous demonstration.

"LACK OF PREPARATION"
"They now say that the only way for us to defend America is to cross the Atlantic Ocean and fight Europe; to cross the Pacific Ocean and fight Japan; to fight possibly Russia, Italy, France, and Spain as well. They say that the only way we can defend democracy is by adopting the policies of a totalitarian state collective."

"They tell us it is undemocratic for us to question the type of leadership that has taken to defeat every nation in the world that followed it. They shout to us, as they shouted at England and France: they say: 'Never mind realities, the moral effort will make up for our lack of preparation.'"

"Their prophecies have been false, their policies have failed and their promises have been worthless. They have a record of utter failure behind them—Poland, Finland, Norway, Belgium, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia, Greece. Yet now they demand that we, too, enter the brutal contest in history, unprepared."

"NOT LEADERSHIP"
"I ask you, is our nation to follow them further?"

"Is it not time for us to turn to new policies and to a new leadership?"

The America First rally was a big show—make no mistake about that.

STOP CONVOYS

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HALT THE TRIGGER- PULL INTO WAR!

On May 27 President Roosevelt is to speak to the nation on his war policy. Due to unexpected developments in Europe, he did not make this speech on May 24. But we know already what the content of the speech is intended to be.

The unofficial Propaganda Ministers for the Roosevelt administration, columnists Pearson and Allen, writing in the Washington Merry-Go-Round of May 13 said:

"He had two alternatives. One was to throw the question of convoys into the lap of Congress. The other was to decide the question himself.

"To throw the issue into Congress, his congressional leaders told him, meant weeks and weeks of debate. . . .

"On the other hand, a decision by Roosevelt, personally, under his power as commander-in-chief, meant the obvious and definite risk of throwing the nation into war.

"However, the die is now cast. The President has made up his mind to support the convoys and all that goes with them. . . ."

WHAT ABOUT ELECTION CAMPAIGN PROMISES?

On October 23 last year, President Roosevelt said, "... We will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our Army, Navy, or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas, except in case of attack."

On October 28, President Roosevelt said:

"... made it clear that shine the American flag could not serve as a

And then later in that same speech he said, "In all these ways we made it clear to every American and to every foreign nation that we would avoid becoming entangled through some episode beyond our borders."

And then later, in arguing for the Lend-Lease Bill, the President said, "Con means shooting; and shooting means war."

But now the President is preparing to tell us in his own language that this country is going into the shooting stage of the war!

The whole "Defense" program—Conscription, the Destroyer Deal, the Armaments Program, and the Lend-Lease Bill—was sold to the people as a peace program, to keep us out of war. The Communist Party alone warned that it was a program to get us into war.

Every citizen can see now with what cynicism the President is repudiating the "campaign oratory" of his pre-election promises and proving the Communists to be correct.

THERE IS YET TIME

But all is not yet lost. There is still time to stay the trigger-pull that would shoot us into war. The fact is, the President postponed his May 16 address until May 27, not alone because of European developments, but also because of the temper of the American people.

No less a Tory than Ex-President Hoover said on May 11: "... There is an obvious large majority of people who oppose the sending of our boys either on our Navy or on convoys or airplanes or expeditionary forces where they may have to shoot or be shot at. These oppositions are strongest in our youth, and it is youth who must die. ..."

This large anti-war majority has the war-mongers worried. Mass protest can stay the trigger-finger of the President!

Make President Roosevelt keep his peace promises! Let him know before May 27 that we want no convoys! Let him know that we want no A. E. F. (American Expeditionary Force.) Let him know that we want no incident to plunge us into war!

No Convoys! No A. E. F.! No war incident!

Organized by the Los Angeles County Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

W. P. C. Party, Chairman Jack Moore, Secretary

Room 305, 121 W. 3rd St., N. A. 1017

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Venice, California

Dear [REDACTED]

The letter which you addressed to the President under date of May 25, 1941, with enclosure, has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the White House. I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in communicating with the Federal Government.

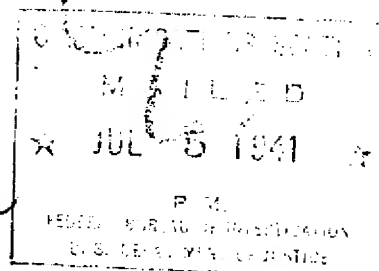
You may be assured that the content of your letter and enclosure has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Should you obtain any additional information which you believe of value concerning the internal security of our country, please feel free to refer it to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 23rd, 1941

President Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Last year, when I reached my twenty first birthday, I cast the first ballot I have ever casted. I casted that ballot for you. Now I am beginning to regret that I did.

Up until the latter part of last year, I was entirely in accord with every thing you had accomplished. But what I can't understand now is your hesitancy in restricting the harmful propoganda that is now inundating our country.

Last week, when I was coming home from work, some little street urchin stuck a handbill into my hand and ran like the devil. You can't imagine my feelings when I read that handbill. Here is what it said; 'Is the America First Committee ready to cope with the Jewish problem after Germany wins the war?' 'Come to our rally at the Astoria Hall, at Steinway Street and twenty first road, Astoria, For the rally tonight#.

I myself am of the Jewish faith, but I went to that rally, and you can't ~~imagine~~ imagine the hate that the America First committee spreads. They claim, and Mr. McWilliams was the speaker, that we are being forced into this war by the Jewish bankers and lawyers and politicians, and ~~exp~~ he asked this question, quote, 'Why should we fight the battles of Israels'.

As an American citizen, I ask you to do something about the preachings of these yellow jacketed ~~wxx~~ appeasers, who are little less then Hitler's henchmen in disguise.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir: In this excerpt from
the L. A. Examiner, by Lindbergh
he advocates the overthrow of
"Our leaders" meaning Our President
consequently the overthrow of our
Government of which President
Roosevelt is the head. Is the
not subversive the same as the
Communists are guilty of and for
which we are endeavoring to depose
Bridges? Then why is it allowed
Lindbergh is actively and openly
provoking our people, claiming
that President is the one who
wants to dominate
rather than Hitler
him to that most
There is a limit to
to which this upstart should
allowed to go in "free speech" and
we think it is about time he

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was either tan. ² "Americanism"
is debarred from this Country.
He has already debarred himself
from France & England and
allied himself with Hitler, by
accepting a medal from German
when our Constitution expressly
forbids just that thing. What
do you expect to do about it and
in this crucial time? - Is
not an "unlimited emergency"
a time to squelch opposition to
the laws and the President's
decrees, which we understand to
be the same as law, under an
"unlimited emergency"? Then
why not make an example of this
despicable personality who
in his ignorance of all decency
and right and common sense
openly defies the President of the
U. S.!

Respectfully Yours,

June 4-41

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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LINDY ASSAILS ROOSEVELT'S FIRESIDE CHAT

Says if U. S. Follows His Policy
"We Will Start a War . . .
May Last For Generations"

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh told a rally against war here tonight that if America attempts to follow the policy suggested by President Roosevelt Tuesday night "We will start a war between the hemispheres that may last for generations."

Replying directly to the President's fireside chat, Lindbergh declared:

"Our own President says that the safety of America lies in controlling the Cape Verde Islands off the Coast of Africa. Even Hitler never made a statement like that."

"Mr. Roosevelt claims that Hitler desires to dominate the world. But it is Mr. Roosevelt himself who advocates world domination when he says that 'It is our business to control the wars of Europe and Asia, and that we in America must dominate islands lying off the African coast.'"

OPPOSES "INTERVENTION"

Broadcasting locally over WPTZ and over loudspeakers in the street outside the Armory, Lindbergh opposed "war intervention in this war" and said, "If we, a free and democratic people, can study this record (of intervention) and still permit our Government to take us into war, then I believe we deserve the consequences that will follow."

He did not define the consequences but recounted that the interventionists "have a record of utter failure behind them—Poland, Finland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia, Greece. Yet now they demand we enter the present conflict. History suggests to new doubts for us as they lead us into it."

He urged Americans to join the America First Committee, which sponsored his address, promising with your help we will keep this country out of war."

SAYS PEACE POSSIBLE

He said there was "still the possibility of a negotiated peace in Europe after the fall of Poland. But not so far as the interventionists were concerned."

Lindbergh linked himself with those "who did not want to see England defeated" in advocating a negotiated peace.

"We realize how futile it was to carry on a war for which only Germany had prepared," he said. "We know that it would only send the best men of Europe to die by the hundreds of thousands, and that with each month that passed, England would be in a worse position to negotiate than she was before. But the interventionists were still in control . . . after the same story—war began. And always the demand for more assistance from America. First they said, 'Send us the arms and we will win.' Then it was 'Send us the arms and we will win.' Now it is 'Bring us the arms and we will win.' Tomorrow it will be 'Fight our war for us and we will win.'"

NOT CHILDREN

"We are not children to be coddled into unpleasant situations," Lindbergh told the audience, carefully watched by extra details of police. "We are not the blind followers of a totalitarian regime . . . we demand the truth from our leaders. We demand that they tell us what they think."

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Hollywood, California

Dear [REDACTED]

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I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating as you did.

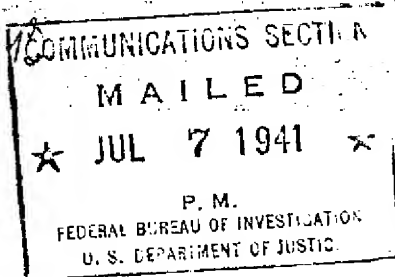
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Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which was forwarded to the Attorney General today, regarding the interest taken by various Axis consular officials in the rally held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1941, before which Charles A. Lindbergh was one of the principal speakers.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure.

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President Roosevelt,
Washington D.C.

May 30, 1941
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Dear Mr. President:

May I call your attention to
to recent speech of Lingbergh in
P. Philadelphia in which he said,
"Is it not time for us to turn to
new policy and leadership," and
accepted the applause of the
audience when someone shouted
"Lendy for president." I ask you
Mr. President is this freedom of
speech or is not plain revolution.
You were elected by a vote of the
people, Mr. Wilkie whose view
were almost identically with
your ^{on foreign policies} during the campaign the
received practically all the
votes that remained of the Amer-
ican people. Now ^{INDEXED} ^{RECORDED} ¹⁰⁰⁻¹¹⁷¹²⁴⁻⁶⁶
one year after election when the
nation is face with a matter of
life or death, we find a ^{U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE}
in the name of freedom of speech
advocating the overthrow of our
government.

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else be construed from such
remarks.

Again may I point out that
consistently he has taken Hitler
side against you. Yet at least
85 percent of the people have sig-
nified their abhorrence of him.
He constantly ridicules England
and for humanity and self pro-
tection 85 percent of our people
our determined England should
win, let it be so that she must win.
I know you feel the best way
is to let them talk themselves
out, but may I point out that
a sore on one's body may be a
small thing, but let that sore
go with the proper nourishment
that sore can become a cancer,
which permeates the whole body,
and instead of the body destroying
it destroy the body.

I have found out that after each
of your speeches our country is
electricified, but it is not long

till the Lindberghs, the wheelers
and the Chicago Tribune
has rock the people into a
hypnotic sleep. These men
have no real argument, but
they play on the emotion, on
hate and fear, not fear of our
common ~~any~~ enemy, but fear
and hate of you.

This issue should be fought
out on the grounds of war or slavery,
there is no other ~~of~~ choice, and I,
on such a issue I know the people
will stand behind there govern-
ment. No one can understand
why Lindbergh and others should
be permitted to continue their
slandering campaign if the
situation is as bad as you
say it is, they are only ^{spreading} con-
fusion, and confusion always
bring on darkness. I hate
war as much as you, but if we
are ^{to} survive it is all that will
save us. Yours till Victory,

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WARS TO END WARS

The Congressional Record lists the following "high-militarized, idyllic" wars that have been fought abroad since only the beginning of the last century—

- 1801 The old German Empire breaks up, and all territory on the left bank of the Rhine is ceded to France.
- 1802 French aggressions in Holland, Italy and Switzerland.
- 1805 England declares war on Spain. France fights Austria.
- 1806 Napoleon enters Berlin.
- 1807 Napoleon defeats Russia.
- 1808 Napoleon invades Spain.
- 1810 France annexes Holland. Turks driven out of Balkans.
- 1812 War starts between United States and England.
- 1812 Napoleon declares war on Russia.
- 1814 France invaded from all sides. Napoleon to Elba. British seize and burn Washington.
- 1815 Napoleon leaves Elba, is defeated by British and Germans at Waterloo, then sent to St. Helena for life.
- 1816 Holland annexes Belgium.
- 1817 British wars in India.
- 1822 Greeks and Turks at war. Civil war in Spain.
- 1823 French Army enters Spain.
- 1824 British battle for Burma.
- 1825 Russia wars on Turkey.
- 1826 Russia invades Persia.
- 1827 Turks driven from Greece.
- 1828 Russia overruns Romania.
- 1829 England and Austria intervene against Russia.
- 1830 Revolution in Poland and France. Belgium revolts from Holland.
- 1831 Prussia and Austria aid Russia against Poland.
- 1832 Egypt revolts against Turkey.
- 1838 French bombard Mexican ports. Debt collection, old style.
- 1839 Britain wars on China.
- 1843 Schleswig-Holstein fights Danish annexation.
- 1849 Danish-Russian War.
- 1850 Britain blockades Greece. Prussia and Austria war.
- 1854 France and England war against Russia.
- 1856 British war on China and Persia.
- 1856 Germans defeat Danes.
- 1865 War between several German states. Austria wars on Italy.
- 1868 Britain invades Abyssinia. Spanish revolution.
- 1870 Franco-German War.
- 1871 Alsace-Lorraine goes to Germany. Back to France in 1918, and back to Germany in 1940.
- 1874 Spanish Civil War.
- 1876 Balkan wars.
- 1877 Civil war in Japan. Russia wars on Turks.
- 1879 British war on Zulus.
- 1880 Boers and British battle.
- 1881 France wars on Tunis.
- 1882 Britain wars on Egypt.
- 1884 Japan wars on Korea.
- 1885 Russia wars on Afghanistan.
- 1887 Balkan wars. Italy wars on Abyssinia.
- 1894 Japan wars on China.
- 1895 Belgium seizes Congo State.
- 1899 Britain wars on Boers.
- 1900 Boxer wars in China.
- 1904 Russo-Japanese War.
- 1910 Japan takes Korea.
- 1912 Balkan wars.
- 1914-18 Russia, France, Britain, Italy, United States, Japan, Romania, Serbia, Belgium, Greece, Portugal and Montenegro battle Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.
- 1931 Japan seizes Manchukuo.
- 1934 Italy takes Abyssinia.
- 1937 Japan develops an "incident" in China. Sino-Japanese war.
- 1938 Germany takes Austria and Czecho-Slovakia.
- 1939 Present war starts.

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—and the interventionists now tell us, if we fight just one more war, it will end all their wars!

Do you want to entangle America in another of these wars? The interventionists promised us in 1917 that we were fighting "to end war."

If we fight to "end war" in 1941, in ten or twenty years we may have to fight to "end war" again.

You Can Stop the War-Makers!

Write or wire the President and your Senators and Congressman **PLEDGES TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY OUT OF WAR.**

Get others—your friends, relatives, associates in business—to write or wire now. **YOUR LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS WILL BE HEED.**

You must act now . . . before it is too late. Your own and your children's heritage—your American way of life—may be at stake.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.,
June 2, 1941

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Hon. John E. Hoover,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is another matter I would like to write about now. The America First movement has been very active out here and those opposed to it are anxious to counteract the influence of Senator Wheeler and others who have spoken here. These people who propose to organize this counterbalancing meeting (date not decided on but think in the third week of June) have in mind a quite large meeting and there will be some of our best people back of it. Colonel Donovan, who used to be your boss, or so I think, and a very close friend of mine, is coming to this meeting and is to speak on the European end of the question. Those sponsoring the meeting believe they should also get someone to handle the American part of it, I mean sabotage and that sort of thing. I suppose you could not yourself come and you probably think you would not be able to talk as freely as someone else might. The point to my writing is to ask you if you know who we should endeavor to get to talk on this subject? Senator Tom Connally was in the House with me before he went over to the Senate and we have always kept up our friendship. He is a splendid speaker and do you happen to know whether he knows something about Sabotage or would some other person be better? Truly I would appreciate a suggestion from you as to this.

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Sincerely yours,

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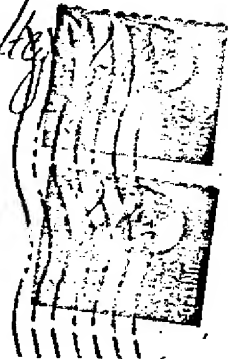
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*The President,
Gen. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House, W. P.*



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear

Your recent communication has been received and Special Agent [redacted] has advised me of his telephonic conversation with you while in Washington. Although I appreciate your writing as you did and would like to be of assistance in connection with the matter you mention, I do not have any suggestions to offer at this time. As you indicate, it would not be possible for me to come to Pittsburgh for this occasion.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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June 3, 1941

Time 4:55 PM

Name [REDACTED] of Pittsburgh, Pa. Room [REDACTED]

Pa., tele from Union Station
(ready to leave for Pittsburgh)
Referred to _____

Details:

When advised that the Director was not in his office, stated that he would like to get the Director or someone that the Director might suggest to speak at a meeting to be held in the near future in Pittsburgh.

He was transferred to [REDACTED] who was on Mr. Hendon's desk.

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5:12 PM - [REDACTED] will submit a memorandum of his conversation with [REDACTED].

5:16 PM A check of files reveals that

~~The Director declined these invitations.~~

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1941

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

During my absence from the office late yesterday afternoon, [redacted] called this Section telephonically by reference from the Director's Office, and talked with Supervisor [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was at Union Station waiting to take a train to his home in Pittsburgh. He mentioned that he wrote the Director from Pittsburgh on June 2nd requesting a speaker for a mass meeting in Pittsburgh during the latter part of June. It appeared from [redacted] conversation that the meeting in Pittsburgh is a rally in opposition to the America First Committee. He stated that "Wild Bill" Donovan was to be one of the speakers. [redacted] simply furnished the above information and made no request of Supervisor [redacted]. The latter informed him that his letter would be called to the Director's attention as soon as it arrived in the Bureau.

The files indicate that a [redacted] an Attorney in Pittsburgh, wrote to the Bureau [redacted]

[redacted] It appears that this individual is identical with the one who called yesterday.

An attempt is being made to locate the letter which [redacted] wrote to the Bureau on June 2, 1941.

Respectfully,

R. C. Hendon

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Philadelphia, Pa.
June 23, 1941

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

PORTLAND
I unfortunately was forced to hear Senator Wheeler's speech last night, addressed before the America First Committee at Hyland Park, and Lindbergh's speech at Philadelphia - both over the radio. Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh both commanded very strongly that the American mothers and fathers should write to you, the Senators, Congressmen, etc. and if necessary to go down to Washington and "storm" the White House with their protests against your taking us into war.

America First - 1st mission
I am therefore writing this note to you begging you or the State Department or the Attorney General of the United States to please find some legal ground to break up this horrible disintegrating movement of this rotten American First Committee. It was developed I am sure only with the idea of trying to frustrate you and the Government in every move, but it is not fair to those who are working hard to have such men try to break up the unity of this United States. It shocks an American to hear those rasping voices of Wheeler and Lindbergh say words that are planned to wreck and split this country and that only traitors to their country would dare stand up and make such speeches. According to the papers, these people are growing stronger in numbers, and I therefore implore you, or have someone in Washington, try to break this rotten movement legally - certainly, a Democracy should not permit traitors to go on and on and on causing more disunion, more unrest, and if these men are not traitors, it certainly would seem to a true American that they could choose a different line of attack and work hard for the unity of the country.

Yours respectfully,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 9, 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.
To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

The attached communications are forwarded for your
information and such action as you consider advisable.

Sherman Miles
SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

6 Enclosures:

G2/245-149 - Copy of Report re Communist Controlled Organizations:
dtd 5/9/41

G2/245-149 - Copy of Report re Chrysler Tank Plant: dtd 5/3/41

G2/10104-1382 - Copy of Report re [REDACTED]

G2/2801-1915 - Copy of MID Summary of Information re [REDACTED] dtd 6/7/41

G2/2724-549/1 Copy of MID Summary of Info. re [REDACTED] Diesel
Dynamics Corp., 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y.: dtd 5/19/41

G2/ Misc. 742/7 - Copy of Letter to War Dept. from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] re Jehovah Witnesses: dtd 5/20/41

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Army letter dtd 5/9/41
8/23/41
8/9/91*

May 9, 1941

G245-149

In reference to the leaflet I mailed you from Chicago, which is a second leaflet in the series of which the "Crucifixion of Uncle Sam" is the first: This, too, has been printed by the MARKET PRINTING COMPANY at the request of [redacted] of Chicago. b7c

The Nazis are now attempting a new approach. They have decided to abandon the anti-Semitic angle as being unmarketable here and indigestible on the part of the American people. The naturalized elements of the German American population are being instructed to join the America First Committee, and use that committee as an avenue for anti-British and anti-war propaganda. The so-called "activists", the desperate part of the American Nazis are being ordered to join the Communist organizations, and use this outlet for sabotage and general wrecking activities in the American armament industries. This information substantiates data that I have been getting through Communist contacts, by this I mean that in the new enrollments into the "Workers" schools and other Communist and Communist controlled organizations, there now appears to be an unusually large percentage of individuals with Teutonic names. This was not true until now, as the German elements within the Communist Party were a very small percentage.

[redacted], one of the partners in the Market Printing Company, the company which does all the printing for the German American Bund and the German American National Alliance, etc., stated that various German organizations, which have been doing business with this printing company, have suggested that large paper reserves be set aside, as they anticipate substantially increasing their printing orders. He mentioned particularly one organization that had been lax in meeting its bills. Up until a few days ago this organization had an unpaid balance of \$400., which was due a long time ago. Representatives of this association appeared last week, without any solicitation on the part of the Market Printing Co., paid \$100. on the balance, and stated that they would meet the rest of it in a few days, and that they expect shortly to place some substantial printing orders. b7c

This situation will be worth while watching, as it will undoubtedly uncover some very interesting situations.

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NEW YORK

June 10, 1941

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Drayton ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. [REDACTED] ✓
Mr. [REDACTED] ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Why is America confused today? For one thing the United States mail is spreading this confusion throughout the length and breadth of the country.

I am inclosing a sample of this poisonous propaganda and particularly call your attention to the anonymous notations written in lead pencil. This data all arrived in the one envelope just as I am sending it on to you.

It may be find that the F. B. I., as we are told, knows exactly where the subversive individuals are and can at a moment's notice round them all up, however, in the meantime one hundred thirty million people are being slowly poisoned and the F. B. I. may find itself in the position ultimately of locking the barn door after the horse is out.

When are we going to do something about it?

Yours very truly

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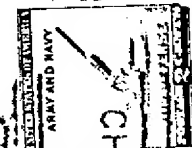
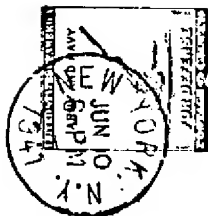
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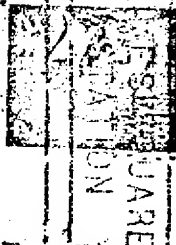
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TO MY HARASSED COUNTRYMEN!

What is your answer to the prominent banker who states we should go to war "if for no other reason than that of good business"?

What is your information of war-aid promises made in your name by your Statesmen? Aid which may transfer the vitally necessary resources of our own country to another.

KEEP U. S. A. OUT OF WAR
IT IS ONLY THE WILL OF PEOPLE FOR PEACE THAT HAS KEPT THE SONS OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY FROM SHEDDING THEIR BLOOD ON ALL CORNERS OF THE EARTH OR FROM A FATHOMLESS GRAVE IN THE DEEP.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY IN FREEING THE WORLD OF WAR IS UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY — IT MAY NEVER BE REPEATED— SEIZE IT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS TODAY. (New York Senators are Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead. Address them at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.) **ASK THEM TO BAN THE USE OF AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS FOR CONVOYING SHIPMENTS INTO WAR ZONES. ALSO TELEGRAPH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES HULL AND KNOX PROTESTING AGAINST THEIR USE AND REMINDING THEM OF CAMPAIGN PLEDGES.**

The spread of the war to Africa has no conceivable attribute of democracy—but rather for the spread of Empire. Ask the President and your Congressman to keep the U. S. Fleet in home waters to protect our citizens engaged in peaceful pursuits. But above all write now, today, and every day.

ASK! BEG! COMMAND!
your Senators and Congressmen
TO KEEP THE U.S.A. OUT OF WAR.
A Million Letters Now May Save Millions of Lives

Peace House, working with religious and peace organizations of international appeal to all peace men who are opposed to war from either religious or humanitarian convictions to register as "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS" on their draft questionnaires. After years of ardent work for peace, our Government recognizes this right. It is a matter of interest to observe that after England's many months of war Canada does not have compulsory military service for overseas and has no loaned out but is SELLING armaments in large quantities to her mother country. In England over 50,000 Conscientious Objectors are helping their government in peaceful employment. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BELONG TO A RELIGIOUS SECT OR SOCIETY TO BE A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR. ALTHOUGH SOME DRAFT BOARD OFFICIALS ARE STILL APPARENTLY IGNORANT OF THIS PHASE OF THE LAW.

If you are convinced that killing your fellowmen is contrary to the law of GOD and MAN and with advice and instructions for filling your draft questionnaires as "Conscientious Objectors" write, produce a carefully self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ask your clergy to remember to preach for the Ten Commandments of Moses for physical as well as spiritual salvation.

One more word to your representatives—To add Nearby Territory to U. S. A. by peaceful purchase and not imitate the violent methods of the dictators we all decry.

Wm. J. SPRAGUE FRAM
PEACE HOUSE

Established 1918

110th St. and Fifth Ave., N. Y. City
Open Sunday 2 to 6 P. M.
Inquire About Peace Prizes

Write this out to a rep for England.

Do This Immediately!

If your Congressman is a Democrat, and voted for the "Lend-Lease" Bill (H R 1776) despite the opposition of his constituents, he very likely was prompted by fear rather than choice.

It was understood that any Democrat *not* voting for this Bill in its entirety was a *marked man*!

Under the present administration Democratic representatives have very little choice in the matter of voting. They are paid by their tax-paying constituents, but are ruled by political bosses.

If we expect the representation for which we pay, we will have to wage war on the political leaders.

Millions of telegrams, letters and cards opposing H R 1776 were received by the representatives, but the House nevertheless passed the Bill because the majority (the Democrats) followed party instructions.

Washington which gives out the jobs and other patronage, tells the lesser leaders how to vote; the State leaders tell the Senators; and the city and district leaders tell the Congressmen. Morgenthau, Sec. of Treasury, is the chief author of this Bill, though he claims it originated in the minds of F. D. R. and Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House. While the Bill was being debated in the House, Rayburn backed recalcitrant Democrats into corners and bullied and browbeat and threatened them to such extent that many of them took refuge in the cloakroom and declined to vote on some of the Republican amendments. *This is the depth to which law-making has sunk in the United States!!*

131 million people are *without* representation, and are to have the wills of Roosevelt, Rayburn, and Morgenthau forced upon them by gangster tactics!

The American taxpayers pay \$10,000 per year to each representative, but if Democratic representatives refuse to do the bidding of Sam Rayburn who pays no taxes, they will be denied renomination in favor of those willing to follow party lines.

Write to Sam Rayburn, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Tell him you know of the tactics he used in getting H R 1776 through the House. Tell him your Congressman is in Washington to represent those who pay his salary, and that you *will not* tolerate his being intimidated or coerced!

Tell Rayburn that he represents *only* the 4th Texas Cong. Dist., and to keep his hands off your Congressman's district.

Then call on or write to the leaders of your political party, local, state, and national.

(Their identity may be ascertained at your local or district political headquarters).

Tell them your representatives, — national, state, and municipal, — must at all times vote according to the dictates of the majority of their constituents. Tell each one what you have told the other and tell them you expect results in the form of representation for which you are now paying but are *not* getting. Tell them if your representatives' votes do not reflect the views expressed by their constituents, you will on every possible occasion, vote *against* that party's candidates.

If you are or your Congressman is a Democrat, write to Ed. J. Flynn, Dem. Nat. Headqtrs., Washington, D. C. He is chairman of the National Democrats. To him complain about Sam Rayburn. Tell him he must take Rayburn to task for his gangster methods toward Democratic representatives having decency enough to give heed to their constituents. Tell him as well as Rayburn that you *will not* tolerate any intimidation or coercion of your representatives.

Then write to your two U. S. Senators, your Congressman, and your representatives — at large (if any) in Washington; to your State Senators and Assemblyman in your State Capitol; and your city representatives (City-councilmen or Alderman). Tell them what you told your party-leaders and Sam Rayburn. Tell them they must at all times represent their constituents and that you will keep tabs on happenings in Washington and your State Capitol; and will go after anyone who tries to influence them to betray their constituents.

And then keep your word to ALL of them. Make every effort to defeat H R 1776 in the Senate; but if it is passed there (God forbid) storm the Lower House (Congress) with telegrams, letters, cards and visits when it goes back there for revision.

If you take Sam Rayburn and the bosses off the necks of your Democratic congressmen, we have a good chance there of defeating those who would force dictatorship on unwilling Americans.

As long as there is breath left in our bodies, we must continue this fight!!!

Did you read of a Mrs. Fischer being forcibly
 ejected recently from the Senate Building be-
 cause she disturbed the members? The lying
 controlled newspapers stated that she was ejected
 for shouting "Kill the bill and not our sons."
 Mrs. Fischer who resides in Milwaukee, Wis.
 and is a member of the Mothers of America,
 with which organization she went to Washing-
 ton to protest against the "Lend-Lease" Gift
 Bill, was actually knocked down and painfully
 hurt, and then ejected when she shouted "Down
 with the British flag; up with the Stars and
 Stripes."
 She was not molested until she said that!
 Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected
 to the U. S. Congress. We were fortunate
 enough to have her returned to Congress in last
 November's election. In her speech against
 H R 1776, Mrs. Rankin told the House that
 only two hours before voting for war in 1917
 the Congress was told that if it declared war,
 none of our boys would be sent over.
 Mrs. Rankin recently told a constituent that
 she asked Roosevelt point blank if the "Lend-
 Lease" Bill meant war; to which he replied
 "Well, we've ordered 1,500,000 coffins."

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A special income tax of 10 per cent was re-
 cently proposed in Washington by the National
 Economy League, to finance the multi-billion-
 dollar defense (British) program; the proposed
 levy to be collected at the source of income —
 which means that before you even get your
 salary each week this tax will be taken out of it!

Who are the members of the National Eco-
 nomy League? Write to your representatives
 and insist on being told their names.

If this imposition be tolerated, it will mean
 that 10 cents of every dollar you earn each
 week will be taken from your salary to pay for
 European and Asiatic wars.

You will have absolutely nothing to say about
 it unless you speak out now and nip this das-
 tardly plot in the bud.

Since the Social Security was so successful
 in taking tax from our salaries while meeting
 no resistance or protest from us, the government
 will now try imposing all sorts of taxes to be
 collected at the source of income, until finally
 there will be no income.

We must all keep both our eyes and ears
 open in order to prevent such plots from being
 put over on us.

Stop this one right where it is now!

"Forewarned is fore armed."

The U.S. is using "Lend-Lease" money to buy goods
 to England on credit. 10,450 ships were built by
 the first year of the 2nd war.
 They were built in Canada & sold to America & paid
 available to find markets for our stock.
 The British then sell the goods on credit to America
 the money for goods for the U.S.
 Canada, having no credit-line from us, is selling to Britain. The
 selling price, but when the goods are sold to Britain, then to the U.S.

A LETTER TO AMERICANS

by

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This powerful article by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was published recently in a national magazine. It is a stirring appeal to the American people to stop, look and listen as they stand on the threshold of one of the greatest decisions in one of the greatest crises in American history.

I ADDRESS this letter to every man and woman in America who is opposed to our country's entry into the European war. I write because we are being led toward that war with ever-increasing rapidity, and by every conceivable subterfuge. While our leaders have shouted for peace, they have constantly directed us toward war, until even now we are seriously involved.

I write to ask your immediate aid in maintaining the independent American destiny our forefathers established. I write to warn you that the men who entice us on to war have no more idea of how that war can be won than the governments of France and England had when they declared war on Germany. The interventionists call on us to fight, and then their responsibility ends. They offer no feasible plan for victory.

The situation in America today is alarmingly similar to that of France and England in the years prior to this war. There, as here, people let their emotions get the better of their judgment; and they had the same unwillingness to face realities. Both countries had refused to take part in a European readjustment while there was still time to make it peacefully. Both had refused to make the sacrifice that was essential for adequate rearmament. They, too, had cultivated the philosophy that it was necessary to defend someone else in order to defend themselves. How they could defend anyone else if they were unable to defend themselves, they apparently did not consider any more than we are considering today.

Their failure is now obvious, and stands out clearly before us. The imposition of "sanctions" did not save Abyssinia; but it threw Italy into the arms of Germany and sowed the seeds for the Axis. The threat of war by England and France did not save Poland; but it forced Germany and Russia into an alliance and precipitated a disastrous war. Adjustments that should have been made in peace and moderation were finally brought by war and resulted in immoderation. The failure to face realities in peace brought the curse of war on Europe. The failure to face the realities of war brought defeat to France and devastation to England.

When the last war ended, the victorious Allies had two courses open to them. They could either have assisted Germany back onto her feet as a self-respecting nation, or they could have kept her in a weakened condition by the use of military force. But they followed neither of these policies. England and France wavered back and forth between the two, while the United States withdrew her armies and her politics to the Western Hemisphere forever.

During the years immediately succeeding the last war, Germany was held down with an iron heel. The terms of Versailles were the terms of a military victory, and when Germany defaulted on her payment of reparations, French troops occupied the Ruhr. But during the following two decades, England decided to disarm, while France allowed the equipment of her army to become obsolete for modern warfare. Then Germany broke the terms of Versailles, rearmed and marched her troops back into the Rhineland. When this happened, a few men in France and England, with greater vision than the rest, cried out that Germany must be stopped then, or that it would be forever too late. Their statements were met with popular indifference.

During the most active years of German rearmament, France and England exerted relatively little effort to compete. It seemed impossible for them to realize what was taking place in Central Europe. But later, after Germany had trained her armies, built her air force and constructed the Siegfried Line, the demand grew in France and England for military action -- a demand which culminated in the declaration of war of 1939, and which has already caused the defeat of France and the devastation of England. While there was still time to fight, populace and politician refused to let the armies move. When the time to fight had passed, the armies were forced into a hopeless battle.

I sat in England, one afternoon in 1938, listening to the man who had charge of co-ordinating defense for the British government. I had pleaded with him to take additional steps to safeguard the British position in aviation. I had told him that if this were not done Germany would soon become as supreme in the air as England was at sea. He listened courteously, and then replied that if the wars in Spain and China had demonstrated one thing, it was that the danger of air bombardment, and the damage which could be inflicted by bombing planes, had been grossly exaggerated. He said that the British aviation program was being "adequately expanded."

A few months later, at the time of the Munich crisis, I went to see one of the foremost leaders of England. I went at the request of other English leaders, to tell him my belief that the strength of German aviation was under-estimated in England, and that the strength of Russian aviation was almost as much over-estimated. He did not agree with me, although he admitted that the situation was serious. While I was there, however, he showed me an official report concerning British anti-aircraft units.

The report stated that not enough anti-aircraft guns existed in air England to form an adequate defense for the city of London alone. Yet that man at that moment, was advocating war.

At the time of Munich, the Royal Air Force had only a few squadrons of modern fighters and bombers. The majority of their planes were obsolete. And all of them put together totaled a fraction of the German air force. The condition of French aviation was even more deplorable. There was not a single squadron in France equipped with modern pursuit planes, and the French government was looking forward to the time when its aircraft production would reach a total of 200 fighting planes per month.

When I returned to Paris after a flight to Russia, in the fall of 1938, I met, at his request, one of the members of the French cabinet. I gave him my estimate of the Russian and German air forces, telling him of the tremendous expansion of military aviation that had taken place in Germany, and that Russian aviation had been unable to keep pace. He replied that my estimate confirmed the worst fears of the French and corresponded to the reports of an mission they had recently sent to Germany. I found that aviation circles in France, at that time, freely admitted that Germany would take supremacy of the air almost as soon as a war started.

From the standpoint of logic, the aviation situation in Europe was in itself sufficient reason to prevent a declaration of war by France and England in 1939. But when one looked farther, he found that the same conditions existed in relation to the ground armies of Europe. Even the civilian population of Germany had been trained and prepared for war, while the people in France and England were not.

One of the striking differences between France and England, during the month immediately preceding this war, lay in the fact that France was alert to her danger but disorganized; while England was organized but only half awake. In France, the internal conditions were so bad that I often wondered whether war or revolution would break upon the country first. In England there was no danger of revolution, but the people of that nation had never adjusted themselves to the tempo of this modern era. Their minds were still attuned to the speed of sail rather than to that of aircraft. The way of life in England was ideal for time of peace, but fatal for a modern war. Germany, on the other hand, one found a nation that had risen from the prostration of a previous defeat--a nation less tolerant

less satisfied than its neighbors; a nation fully trained for war, and nurtured on the philosophy that right is inseparable from might.

The true facts of the European situation had been hidden from the people of England and France. They were not adequately informed either of Germany's strength or of their own weakness. Politicians and idealists harangued them about stopping aggression, about defending freedom and democracy, about maintaining their way of life, but the realities of modern warfare — the elements that spell failure or success — were seldom discussed. The orators shouted: "We must stop Hitler." The newspapers echoed: "Down with the Nazi regime." The people of France and England resigned themselves to the inevitability of war. But not a single man told how to break the Siegfried Line.

I can best illustrate the attitude in the democracies of Europe by telling you of a conversation I had one evening with a French businessman on the outskirts of Paris. He had been talking for nearly an hour about the inevitability of war, and why German aggression must be stopped. He advocated a declaration of war by France.

"What would your first move be?" I asked him.

"We must fight the Germans," he replied. "But how?" I asked him. "Do you think the French army can break the Siegfried Line?"

He looked startled, then sank back into his chair. "Oh, I don't know about that," he answered. "That's up to the military men."

A week or two later, I was having lunch with one of those military men—a general in the French army. I asked him if he felt that the Siegfried Line could be broken.

"No," he replied, "I don't think so." And then added: "But if it could, the cost would be too high."

"What's the answer then?" I asked, for the war drums were beating loudly.

He shrugged his shoulders. "If only they had let us attack when we wanted to," he said. "When we could have won, the people would not fight. And now, when we cannot win, they want war."

France waited until it was too late. England waited until it was too late. We in America have waited until it is too late; and yet we step closer and closer to the war, as though hypnotized by its bombing and its fury. Like France and England in 1939, we are unprepared today. We have not as many thoroughly modern fighting planes in our Army and Navy combined as Germany produces in a single week; and our Army is deplorably lacking in such essential items as tanks and antitank cannon. We have not made the sacrifice necessary for adequate rearmament. We, too, have cultivated the philosophy that it is essential to defend someone else in order to defend ourselves. Our politicians and idealists harangue us about defending freedom and democracy, and our way of life. They are now shouting, "We must stop Hitler." Our newspapers echo "Down with the Nazi regime." But not one feasible plan has been offered us for an invasion of the continent of Europe. With the disaster of France and England fresh before us, we are following the selfsame path.

We, in America, are being led to war by a group of interventionists, and foreign interests, against the will of a majority of our people. Every poll of public opinion has shown that from 80 per cent to 95 per cent of Americans are opposed to entering this war. Both the Republican and Democratic parties were forced to incorporate antiwar planks in their platforms. Both presidential candidates were compelled to

take a stand against our intervention. Yet today, although no one has made an attempt to attack us, we already have one foot in the war. We have even now entangled "our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor and caprice."

What has happened to us? How was this condition brought about? The procedure has not been dissimilar to that which took us into the last war. When hostilities in Europe began, it was fully realized by the foreign interests and interventionists in this country that the great majority of Americans stood firmly opposed to entering the conflict. These interventionists knew that it was useless for them to advocate openly a declaration of war by America. They therefore adopted a more subtle plan. They believed that while the people of the United States would not agree to a declaration of war, we could be beguiled into supporting steps that would inevitably lead to war. Consequently, instead of advocating war, they advocated steps which they called "short of war"—steps which have already entangled us, and which will leave us no alternative to war if we continue to take them. The policy of the interventionists has been, from the beginning, to support every movement that would lead us in the direction of war, and to oppose every movement that would not—always under their mask of "aid short of war." I have listened more than once to interventionists in America discuss the question of what steps "short of war" would take us into war most quickly.

To be specific, soon after war was declared in Europe, the interventionists advocated, and obtained, the revision of our Neutrality Act. They persuaded us that we could sell arms on a "cash and carry" basis without becoming involved in the war ourselves. They were emphatic in saying that no one asked us to lend money, or to send troops abroad. Their next step "short of war" was the demand that aircraft, cannon, destroyers and other munitions be taken from the American Army, Navy and Air Corps, and transferred to the French and British forces in Europe. In this, too, we acquiesced. Then we began to hear it whispered that we were already too far in the war to back out—whispered by the very people who had advocated the steps "short of war" which involved us. Now we are told that we have not done enough; that there must be no limit to our assistance; that we must be the "arsenal of democracy" for the entire world, lending, leasing or giving all the resources of our nation, if necessary, to the cause of the British empire. (And here it is interesting to note that the cause of the British empire does not prevent us, as the "arsenal of democracy," from supplying arms to Russia, though she be both an aggressor nation and a totalitarian state.) The advocates of intervention are beginning to forget the qualifying phrase "short of war." The more daring among them are openly discussing an American Expeditionary Force for Europe.

Along with steps "short of war" has gone a supporting campaign of propaganda. Our country has been full of it for many months—a propaganda as subtle, insidious and effective to date as that which led us into the last war. Before we entered war in 1917 we were told, as we are being told today, that American troops would not be needed. Then, after we declared war, we were asked for a "token" division to fight in Europe. But we ended up with more than 2,000,000 soldiers overseas, and a war debt that has not yet been paid.

British propaganda in the United States attempts to persuade us that Great Britain will win the war, provided she receives somewhat more help than we have, up to this moment, given her. Coupled with this

has been a campaign to convince us that a British victory is essential to American security. It is taken for granted that we would not be willing to take part in a war which we felt would be unsuccessful. Consequently, news releases from London minimize all German successes and exaggerate all British successes. They avoid any discussion of war aims, peace terms or how England can win now that Germany has defeated France and controls the continent of Europe. This is simply the ABC of wartime propaganda. It is carried on by both sides in a war. I am discussing British propaganda because it is that to which we have been subjected and therein lies the danger of our involvement. There is certainly no danger of our fighting on Germany's side, and her propaganda in America has been relatively ineffective.

To be specific again, you will remember that even before hostilities commenced, factual statements concerning the growing military strength of Germany were bitterly attacked by the pro-British press. Those of us who saw the growth of the German air force were severely assailed because of the reports we made describing it, although these reports now turn out to have been almost unforgivably conservative. Then, you recall that when the Germans invaded Austria, it was claimed by the propagandists that their mechanized divisions broke down; that the workmanship on their tanks, trucks, engines, etc., was too inferior to operate successfully in a major war. German aircraft were said to be weakly constructed; there was a shortage of pilots, raw materials and fuel. We were told that Germany did not have sufficient food to wage a war. And in addition to all this, internal conditions were said to be so bad that the German people would start a revolution rather than fight again.

If you question the accuracy of my statement that we have been misinformed through propaganda, I ask you to glance through our daily newspapers since the war began. If you are pressed for time, take any one of the major campaigns—Poland, Finland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. You will find that we, in America, were misinformed about these campaigns until the actual military position made it impossible to hide the facts any longer. Do you remember when we were informed over the radio that the French army had penetrated the Siegfried Line in five different places? Do you recall the headlines of battles raging on the western front during the winter of 1939-40 — battles we now know were never fought? Were we told how desperate the Finnish position was before the final breakthrough of the Russian army? Do you remember how, after reading day after day of Allied successes in Norway, and how Germany had put her neck in a noose, we were startled by the announcement that the Allies were evacuating all of their forces? Who was it said the Maginot Line was impregnable; that bombing planes were no match for the British navy; that England had the submarine menace well in hand, and had already "won the battle of the air?"

The propagandists who made these claims do not bother to explain them. They know that people forget quickly, and they are too busy leading us along with new fallacies. They must confuse America's desire to aid England with our desire to stay out of the war. They must convince our people that England is winning the war in Europe, even though she has lost every major engagement in which she participated, that all she needs is more help than we have, up to that moment, given her; and that if we should get into the war, it would not be necessary to send troops. They must build up the element of fear in America. They must persuade us that if England

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If this bill is passed, it will mean the end of liberty in America.

Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury (who in reality is also Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy) has a bill to be introduced whereby we will be forced to buy bonds to finance the present European war — a war to end all laws and to end America as a republic. The money to pay for these bonds will be taken from our salaries each week, as unemployment insurance is now taken; his bill will also force us to "save" by putting into a bank for the government's use, that part of our salaries not absolutely necessary for payment of the current week's expenses. *We* will not be permitted to judge the necessary amount. The government will tell us what is necessary.

As Roosevelt has said that he intends to make America "democracy's" arsenal, there will be no chance of our ever getting this money back; it will be burned up in powder and bullets just as fast as we earn it.

England and France declared war on Germany, they having had a treaty pledging defense of Poland in event of her being attacked. And because they — two foreign nations — made this treaty, we American wage-earners are to have our hard-earned dollars forced from us to underwrite the wars of any country dictator Roosevelt decides we must pay for.

And why do you suppose the idle rich favor this Bill? (aside from the fact of their investments in war-materials). It is because the money to finance "democracy's" arsenal will not be taken out of their salaries, inasmuch as they do not have to work for salary. In other words, they know that it will be we who must work for our daily bread who will pay for Europe's wars, while they ~~also~~ do no work but reap the harvest.

And all who are working for this disgraceful sovietizing of the American Republic are not admitted New Dealers. Senate Republican leader McNary, (ex - Vice - Presidential candidate); Sen. Robert Taft, and Congr. Joe Martin, all three popularly supposed to be Republicans, are working hand-in-glove with the New Dealers to have the Bill amended rather than opposed.

If you are a Republican get after these three, hammer and tongs. Demand that they get out of the Republican party and join up with Earl Browder, where they belong.

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SHORT OF THE GRAVE

During the last political campaign General Johnson in speaking of the war-mindedness of the Administration asserted a large order had already been placed for coffins. Major Ginsberg in reply stated coffins had been ordered but they were for men who died in peaceful pursuits, like falling under trucks.

The "World Telegram" of Wednesday on page one carried a prominent article headed "Army Orders 4,500,000 Special Tags for Identifying War Dead and

Wounded." The article then detailed how the William C. Ballantyne Co., of Washington, secured the huge contract, which represents a figure larger than every person now in the service.

We do not know whether the tags are being ordered for fellows who fall off trucks and cannot be identified but we do know that this contract makes the "short of war" statements look pretty sad. If the ordering of 4,500,000 tags comes under the heading of preparedness or defense, we are certainly going at it in a large way.

Are you of the belief that because you are a conscientious objector, or have dependants, or consider yourself exempt from military duty for any other reason, this will not affect you? If so, you had better arouse yourself from that sweet dream and face the ugly facts.

The passage of the dictatorship "Lend-Lease" Bill will abrogate *all the laws ever made* in the United States of America!! Which, of course, will include the clause in Julius Ochs Adler's "Burke-Wadsworth" Bill providing for exemptions from military service.

Our country will then be ruled by *one person*, a person being F. D. Roosevelt, and only they who find fa- in the eyes of the great dictator shall be exempt from being ploughed under. So, if you don't relish having one of the waiting coffins and already-printed identification-tags re-served for you or one of your loved ones, start immediate action to defeat this vicious un-American, unconstitutional Bill.

Jos. Kennedy, former Ambassador to England, states that the English people are asking "What are we fighting for?" The *people* of England don't know what the war is for, but the British Government insists on the war's continuation.

Senators Wheeler and Nye have a resolution asking the war aims of the belligerents. *Insist* to your Representatives that this resolution be passed before any further assistance be given anyone.

These are a few of the patriotic groups fighting to preserve our traditional American form of government. ~~They deserve your support and co-operation.~~

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*During last campaign, threats of assisting enemies to high school
many taken up with that propaganda. And we are told that we
being freedom threatened! What's going to bring it home?*

loses, we are not strong enough to defend ourselves; that we may be invaded by aircraft from the Greenland ice cap, or even by transatlantic parachute troops descending on our city streets. They have already led us far along the road to war—the same road that we traveled in 1917; then too at their behest.

But there is one all-important difference between the European war when we entered it in 1917, and the European war today. It is this difference which must be brought to the attention of every American, for the entire future of our nation hangs upon it. It is, that when we entered the last war we could see how victory could be won, but today we cannot. In 1917, the Central Powers were fighting France and Great Britain in the west, Russia in the east, and Italy in the south. The German armies had already suffered severe reverses. Even Japan had entered the war on the Allied side.

In 1941, however, we face an entirely different situation. Germany has conquered France. She has an alliance with Italy, Russia and Japan — three hundred million people. Her armies control the coast of Europe from Spain to the Arctic Ocean. British shipping losses are already of the utmost seriousness, and the major ports and industrial centers of England have been heavily bombed.

The fact is that America is not in a position to wage a successful war in Europe under present conditions. We ourselves are not prepared, and even if we were, where would we send our soldiers to fight? How are we to force a landing on the European continent against the prepared positions of the strongest military power in the world? If the British, French and Belgian armies combined could not hold the fortifications they had spent years in building along the German border, how can we be expected to cross the Atlantic Ocean and invade the continent of Europe against the opposition of the same army, navy and air force that thrust the British fleet from the coast of Norway, and broke the Maginot Line?

The people who shouted for England and France to declare war in 1939 called for suicide and defeat. Because of their hysteria and blindness, the bravest men of France and England marched to disaster and to death. While the intellectuals of Europe preached of Christianity, democracy and idealism, they threw a wave of human flesh against a fortified concrete line — without adequate guns, or tanks, or aircraft even for defense, to say nothing of attack.

Has this attitude of life succeeded? Has it gained freedom for France or security for England? Has it stamped out aggression or heightened civilization? Has democracy gained or has it lost through such leadership? These are questions that we in America must answer. With failure in Europe before our eyes, shall we follow this same course? Shall we throw ourselves into war in a fervor of idealism, shouting about how we think the world *should* be run? Or shall we discuss calmly how our objectives can be accomplished, and adequately prepare ourselves to reach them?

Personally, I believe that by our withdrawal from Europe after the last war, and our failure to prepare for this one many years ago, we are already committed to a policy of military "isolation." I believe that if we abandon this policy at the present time, we are courting national disaster, just as France and England courted disaster when they, unprepared, declared war over the German invasion of Poland. A nation cannot change overnight from an attitude of peace to an attitude of war. It takes many years of planning and preparation before great military strength can be attained. I believe it is not any longer a question of what we *wish* to do in this war, but rather one of what we *can*

do. I believe that for us to enter the conflict in Europe at this time would result in defeat and humiliation. If we are to enter such a conflict successfully, then we must prepare for it not for one year or for two, but for ten years or for twenty as Germany has done.

On the other hand, I believe that we can build a military and commercial position on this continent that is impregnable to attack, and which will force other nations to trade with us, if through expediency alone. Even if America intended eventually to dominate the entire world, as some people now seem to want us to do, I would say that our first step should be to consolidate our defenses at home, so that we could prepare ourselves in safety for our adventures beyond the seas.

Every difficulty we would have in invading Europe would be an advantage for us in defending America. Our armies would be fighting on home soil, our Navy would be close to its bases, our air force could strike with its utmost effect. It would be the enemy's problem, not ours, to cross the ocean with millions of troops and their supplies, to pass by our submarines, our battleships, and our bombing planes, and to force a landing on American shores against the guns of our coast artillery and our Army.

When England could not hold the coast of Norway against the German air force; when the British navy dared not remain in the Skagerrak, or even permanently in the North Sea; when the German military machine, after crashing through the Maginot Line and routing the French army and the British expeditionary force, has been held up for nine months by twenty-five miles of English Channel—how is any navy to approach the shores of America and land an invading army against the combined resistance of our military forces?

There has been much discussion of an air invasion of America. This is partially due to propaganda, partially to hysteria and partially, I believe, to a misconception of the so-called "air invasions" of Norway and Holland by the German air force. Personally, although I think the effectiveness of military aviation is still underestimated, I do not believe there is the slightest danger of a purely air invasion of America now, or at any time we can now foresee. To begin with, the distance across the oceans is far too great to permit the air transport of armies large enough to invade us successfully, even if one assumes that they had a place to land unopposed by our own military forces. But, aside from the question of distance, we should be reassured by the fact that there has never been a successful invasion by air alone. The outstanding examples of the use of aviation for invasion of enemy territory occurred during the German occupations of Norway and Holland. But in each of these instances, the landing of troops by air was carried on simultaneously with the movement of ground and naval forces on a major scale. The maximum number of troops that could have been transported and supplied by air would have been ineffective without the immediate support of a ground army. If air invasion alone could be successful, it would have been used by the Germans against England many months ago.

But what about the northern routes, cry the alarmists; won't we be invaded by way of Greenland and Alaska, where the distances between land are short? Possibly the best answer to this question is in the form of another: Why, if these northern routes are so advantageous, do you suppose the commercial airlines to Europe and Asia prefer the great overwater distances farther south? The answer is that ice and fog and bitter cold still force men southward in their quests of commerce and of war. Ex-

cept in adventure and exploration, men follow the routes which offer the greatest safety and require the least effort — and these are not in the north.

Of all the transatlantic air routes, the simplest to fly is the one that lies between Africa and South America. This fact is being used today in much of the war propaganda we hear. German airplanes, we are told, will fly to Africa by the thousands, hop across the ocean to South America, refuel and fly up and invade the United States.

Leaving aside the problems that would have to be solved in Europe and Africa before thousands of German airplanes could take off on such a venture, let us consider what preparations would have to be made for their arrival in South America—in Brazil, to be specific. There would have to be dozens of previously prepared airdromes, equipped with tanks and fuel and crews of skilled mechanics. All of the men and supplies required would have to be transported by sea. In fact many ocean transports and tens of thousands of workmen would have to be busy for months before the necessary landing facilities could be arranged. So that when anyone speaks of an air invasion via Africa and South America, he presupposes that Germany has won the war in Europe; that the countries she has conquered are either so well satisfied or so completely subdued that she is able to devote her attention to an interhemispherical struggle (with Asia always at her back door); that she has Africa also well in hand; and finally that she has, in opposition to the armed forces of Brazil backed by our own Army, Navy and Air Corps, been able to construct and supply the necessary airdromes in eastern South America.

After that, of course, it is still farther from eastern Brazil to the continent of North America than it was from Germany originally, so other groups of air bases would have to be established, farther north, before enemy planes based in South America would have any advantage over enemy planes based on their home airports in Europe. And since there are no railroads through that portion of South America, these bases too would have to be established by sea.

No, the more one studies the problem, the more obvious it becomes that an air invasion of America is entirely out of the question. Invading forces would have to come by sea, and if they made such an attempt, it would be our American aviation that flew out to meet them and did the raiding.

Of all the nations in the world, we hold the most impregnable position of defense. We have highly developed industries, great national resources and a population of one hundred and thirty million people upon which to draw. There is not a nation in this hemisphere strong enough even to consider attacking us. We are flanked by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, and the Pacific on the west. In the north, we are protected by the wastelands of the Arctic. Where in all history, has a nation been similarly blessed? Then why in our maturity any more than in our youth, "Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor or caprice?"

It is often asked today why our rearmament program moves so slowly, why our people are so divided and confused. Why, indeed? The answer is clear. It is because we have neglected the wisdom and experience of our forefathers. We have not followed Washington's advice. We have let the destiny of America become confused and entangled with that of foreign lands. Our leaders have attempted to transfer loyalty for our own country to loyalty for a "part of Europe." One portion of our people has

attempted to force its ideas about Europe upon another portion of our people—to inject into our midst today the very quarrels of the Old World that our forefathers left behind.

We, in America, should not be discussing whether we will enter the war that England declared in Europe. We should not be wasting our time arguing about whether it is cheaper to defend someone else than to defend ourselves. We should not be conscripting our youth for a foreign war they do not wish to fight. We should all be marching together toward one clear and commonly accepted goal—the independent destiny of America. If we desire unity and strength among our people, we must turn our eyes back from these everlasting wars of Europe—back to our own country, to the clear horizons of a great American future. Let us learn from the errors made by the democracies abroad, and not repeat them. Let us give thanks to the generations of Americans before us who won and maintained the independence of our nation against far greater dangers than we face today. Let us dedicate ourselves to guarding our independence that we may pass it on to the future in even greater security than we received it from the past. It is by building our own strength and character at home—not by crusading abroad—that we can contribute most to civilization throughout the world.

If you believe that we should not enter this war, your help is needed vitally by those of us who stand against our intervention. The policy of our nation is still influenced by the desires of its people. You can help us by organizing mass meetings against our entry into the war. You can help by attending such mass meetings. You can help by writing to your congressmen, your senator and to your local newspaper, telling them of your views. Such letters have more influence than most people realize. But if you stand with us against war, you must act now or it will be forever too late. It is not enough to write once. Write every time an issue arises—several letters each week until this crisis has passed. Demand of your representatives that they guard against these steps that will inevitably lead us to it. It is worth all the effort we can give. Our future, our children's future, our country's future, all that we hold dear while is in the balance.

I have one last request, and then this letter is ended. Before you make your final decision, reason through for yourself what war would mean to this country. Demand a practical plan from those who preach of defending democracy throughout the world. Ask them to explain how we are to invade successfully the continent of Europe—how we are to impose our ideology on the peoples of Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan com-

bined against us. Insist on an answer that is clear—couched in terms of soldiers killed and years of war. Stop them from telling you what *should be done*, and make them demonstrate to you what we have the *ability to do*. Ask them to define our war aims; our plan of defense and of attack. And if someone says that such questions must be left to "experts," ask them: To what experts? To the same experts who, for the last twenty years, led France to defeat and England to ruin? To the same experts who have created the greatest national debt in American history, and still left us a nation unprepared in the midst of a world at war? To the same experts who failed either to maintain peace or to prepare for war? No, such leadership will never make us a strong and victorious nation. It will not carry us successfully through these periods of war and crises. If our American ideals are to survive, it will not be through the narcotic of a foreign war, but through a reawakening of the spirit that brought this nation into existence. It will be only if you, and I, and people like us, take the reins in hand once more, as our forefathers have done in times of crisis.

The future of America, of our way of life and of western civilization itself lies not so much in the outcome of these wars abroad as in the action that *we* take *now* here in our own country. In this action, your help is urgently and immediately needed.

If every man and woman in America would read this article by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, there would be no further effort to put the United States into the European War.

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We urge you to order as many copies as you can afford and to distribute them to your friends, neighbors, clubs, organizations, fellow workers, etc. Send stamps, cash or check to America First Committee, 515 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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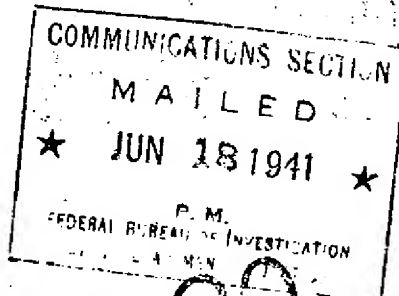
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I want you to know that the FBI is exerting every effort under the espionage, sabotage and related statutes to protect the internal security of our country.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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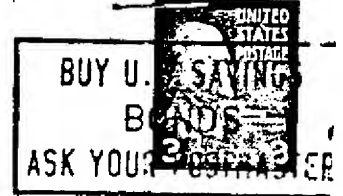
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Four Horsemen of Isolationism—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Charles A. Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas—gave their version of a salute to the flag at an America First Committee rally in New York on May 23. Over 20,000 people in the audience booed Roosevelt, Willkie, Viscount Halifax. No one booed Adolf Hitler.

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
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Dear Mr. Berle:

As of possible interest to you, the following
information has been received regarding the rally held in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1941, before which
Charles A. Lindbergh appeared as one of the principal
speakers:

An anonymous communication was received by the
Philadelphia Field Office of this Bureau which indicated
that "contrary to the policy that no block of seats was to
be sold" for the Lindbergh rally.

[REDACTED] was in
possession of a plentiful supply of these tickets.

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Respectfully,

CH [signature]
John Edgar Hoover
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
June 20, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: PROPAGANDA
Belvidere, South Dakota

Dear Sir:

The enclosed sheet of propaganda entitled
*CONVOY - A FUNERAL TRAIN is being transmitted for the
interest of the Bureau in view of the fact that this may
be propaganda which has not previously been brought to the
Bureau's attention.

This propaganda was furnished to the Sioux Falls
Office by [REDACTED] Belvidere, South Dakota, by
letter dated June 16, 1941, along with other propaganda
which is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate
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No explanation was given as to the source of the
enclosed pamphlet, or to whom it was distributed.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI
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JANET AYER FAIRBANK, Vice Chairman
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PRINCIPLES

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."
2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of the democracies of Europe.

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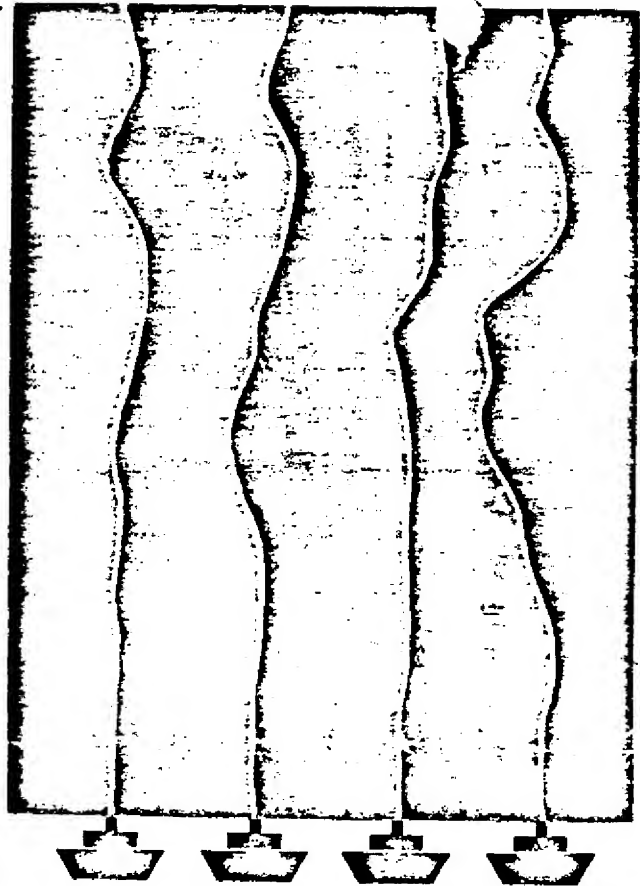
Membership in the America First Committee is open to all American citizens. We exclude from our rolls Fascists, Nazis, Communists, and their sympathizers.

Send me more information about the America First Committee, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

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AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
General Robert E. Wood, Acting Chairman
National Headquarters
141 West Jackson Boulevard
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CONVOYS mean war — shooting, bloody war.

Senator Walter F. George, during the debate on H. R. 1776, admitted as much. William Allen White, as chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, wrote on December 23, 1940:

"The story is floating around that I and our committee are in favor of sending convoys with British ships or our own ships, a silly thing, for convoys, unless you shoot, are confetti and it's not time to shoot now or ever."

Just what is a convoy? A convoy is a protecting force, an armed escort, accompanying ships transporting munitions, merchandise and money to a nation at war. And what is a convoy for? It is supposed to fight off ships, submarines and airplanes that attack the supply vessels. And how does a convoy do that? By using its heavy guns, its torpedoes its anti-aircraft fire and by sinking the attacking ships and their crews.

In any man's language this means war, and an offensive war at that.

The Neutrality act of 1939 was passed during comparatively calm days when we knew we would need a wise policy for excited, emotional times such as we are now experiencing. This law prohibits our merchant vessels from entering zones defined by the President as combat areas.

This prohibition was written into the law at the insistence of the President himself. The President regarded this prohibition as the first objective of his policy. In the course of his message on September 21, 1939, to the special session of Congress which enacted the Neutrality law of 1939, President Roosevelt said:

"With the repeal of the embargo this Government clearly and definitely will insist that American citizens and American ships keep

away from the immediate perils of the actual zones of conflict."

Both the opponents and proponents of the bill recognized that incidents which would certainly involve us in war could not occur if American vessels were kept out of danger zones. There is good, American common sense in such a policy.

The Neutrality act does not apply to the Navy. But if it is sound to keep our merchant ships out of dangerous waters it is twice as sound to keep our fighting ships out of these zones. When our vessels, both merchant and naval, do not sail into war zones, the possibility of embroilment in war abroad is radically lessened. The fact that not a single incident involving American ships has occurred on the high seas in this war shows the wisdom of this policy.

Almost every public man in the country, including Franklin D. Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie has pledged his opposition to "sending our boys abroad." This is also a pledge against naval convoys. Our warships are manned by American boys. American planes, piloted by American boys, will be needed to make the convoys effective. With our Navy and Air Force in the war, our Army will not be far behind.

The dictionary gives as one definition for convoy, "a funeral train." That is just what it will be for the United States if we permit our Navy to convoy supply ships to Britain. It will be a funeral train for millions of our boys killed in an unnecessary war and a funeral train for the remains of a democracy murdered in a foolhardy venture.

Americans, after all the hysterical propaganda, are still 83 per cent opposed to entry into war. By the same percentage, Americans must be opposed to convoys.

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Activities of the America First Committee obtained from the files of the Kansas City Star. Further information obtained from [REDACTED] No active activity by the America First Committee recently. Mrs. E. H. VINCENT, secretary of the America First Committee, [REDACTED] **b7D**

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, February 20, 1941. **b7c**

DETAILS: The writer contacted Mr. ROBERT REED, editor of The Kansas City Star, and obtained permission to search The Star files for any information they had on the America First Committee. The Kansas City Star is located at Eighteenth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. The files of The Kansas City Star reflected the following information:

A clipping from The Kansas City Star dated February 20, 1941, entitled "Call for Free Speech", reflected General ROBERT E. WOOD of Sears, Roebuck & Company, Chicago, Illinois, spoke at a dinner at the Hotel Muehlbach, Kansas City, Missouri, and stated among other things that "Democracy is not going to work unless men stand up for their convictions."

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It should be noted that WOOD is regarded as one of the leaders of the America First Committee in the United States, and has been very active in supporting its activities. The host of the dinner was Mr. HAL W. LUBNOW, Chairman of the Kansas City Chapter of the America First Committee. [REDACTED] b7c

In a clipping from The Kansas City Star dated January 12, 1941, entitled "To Discuss War Plot", JOHN T. FLYNN bitterly opposed the Administrative policy. JOHN FLYNN propounds the theory that "The United States is being plodded into war." His speech, which was held at the Music Hall, Kansas City, Missouri, was sponsored by the Kansas City group of the America First Committee.

A clipping from The Kansas City Star dated January 14, 1941, reflected that the members of the Executive Committee of the America First Committee were:

CLIFF C. JONES
DAVID B. CHILDS
ROY K. DIETRICH
RAY F. MOSELEY
HAL W. LUBNOW
MRS. E. H. VINCENT
MRS. E. C. RESERVEY, JR.

In a clipping from The Kansas City Times, which is the morning edition of The Kansas City Star, dated January 9, 1941, entitled "No Moral Side in War", Dr. TRIMBLE of the Kansas City University denies such an issue; "Nazism and Democracy could live side by side" he tells the America First Committee group. Dr. TRIMBLE said that "England had failed to fight for Czechoslovakia, the only real Democracy in Europe, and then had gone to war for Poland, a ruthless dictatorship, which England had helped to finance in the days when Germany was still a democracy. Dr. TRIMBLE further stated "Some people say one side is good and the other bad; I deny that. Some people say that Nazism and Democracy cannot live side by side in this world; I deny that." Dr. TRIMBLE decried the practice of calling refugees "spies", and terming Nazis and Communists those who still believe in freedom of speech. After Dr. TRIMBLE'S speech, the clipping reflected there was a question period presided over by RAY F. MOSELEY. The question, "Who financed the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies?" was asked. MOSELEY replied that it

was the munition makers. MOSELEY further added that the America First Committee was financed by General ROBERT E. WOOD of Chicago, and HENRY FORD. Mrs. E. H. VINCENT also spoke, and about one hundred persons attended this meeting, which was held at the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

b2 b7D [REDACTED] whose identity has been sent to the Bureau, advised the writer that the America First Committee about three weeks before had had a rally at the Scottish Rite Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, which was attended by about thirteen hundred people. The speakers were ALF LONDON and BENNETT CHAMP CLARK. At that meeting nothing was said except in criticism of President ROOSEVELT'S foreign policy.

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, will after a reasonable
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in regard to progress of the America First
Committee.

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Pasadena, Calif. June 17th 1941. (X)

My dear Mr. President:

The enclosed clipping, will inform you, of what kind of American citizens, we have here in Pasadena. I think that those kind of Hitlerites ought to be looked after, especially that Cobb and Dill before they will do still more damage.

What American citizens!

Trap them like dirty rats, and send them to their beloved Hitlerland or rather to M..., where they really belong, and, don't forget those other two rats, the "Lindburger cheese" and son "Whale-r", and all others like them.

Sincerely yours,

100% American.

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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1941

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MASS MEETING BOOS PRESIDENT

PASADENA MEMBERS OF 'AMERICA FIRST' CHEER AXIS IDEAS

Cheers for Colonel Lindbergh, silence for Adolph Hitler, boos for President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie.

Thus 250 members of the America First committee registered their reactions to these individuals at a meeting in the McKinley Junior High School auditorium addressed by Charles Cobb, acting chairman of the group, and Dr. Michael Francis Dillon, of the faculty at U. C. L. A.

The audience booed vigorously whenever the names of Churchill, Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, Senator Claude Pepper and Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York City were mentioned by the speakers.

Doubts British Victory
Cobb told the audience that he does not believe a British victory either possible or desirable.

"Any possible establishment of the President's 'Four Free' cannot ignore the national of a majority of the population of the world to confine the power of the Axis."

There is new world work, Cobb declared, which result the establishment of

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"Why should the taxpayers pay \$7,000,000,000 down for a rat hole Britain's waning ambition asked. "We should campaign to repeal the Lend Lease bill."

He read at length from an interview in Life magazine to former Ambassador Cudahy, in which the Fuehrer said that at no time had his intentions toward this country been inimical. Cobb then quoted portions of a New York Times editorial answering Hitler, in which it was pointed out that declarations of friendship preceded most of Hitler's invasions.

Raising his head to look at the audience and spacing his words to permit booing for each name, Cobb then asked, "And who are the owners of the New York Times? Ochs-Adler-Sulzberger!"

Cheers For Hitler

Cobb said that most Americans regard Hitler as a liar and criminal, and added: "I am not here to eulogize or defend Hitler. He seems able to do that himself." The audience cheered.

Cobb went on to say that the Germans were forced to sign the treaty of Versailles at the "point of a gun."

"There still is such a thing as retribution," he said, "England and France are paying for their perfidy in blood, sweat and tears."

Says Public Deceived

He then mentioned the names of the President and several others who have expressed strong opposition to the Nazi aims, and declared that the people of the United States had not been told the truth about Germany.

"Did these people tell you the truth about Czechoslovakia?" he inquired. "The fact is that Czechoslovakia was a dagger pointed at the heart of Germany. But they would fight to the bitter end to save Palestine and the British empire."

Dillon scoffed at the idea that Germany had invaded democracies, listing each of the overrun countries and commenting that none of them were democratic. He pictured England as an autocracy, an "Old Man of the Seas" clinging to the backs of subject peoples.

Eulogizes Lindbergh

Referring to Lindbergh as a great patriot, he asked: "Who is the Copperhead, Lindbergh or the President?" The audience roared back: "Roosevelt!"

Dillon criticized the establishment of a camp in San Dimas for conscientious objectors, spoke against the breaking of the strike at the North American aviation plant by the army, and compared Congress to the German Reichstag.

"We are already on the road to Fascism," he said. "Europe already has it. Why should we fight to extend it?"

"American Gestapo"

He referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an "American Gestapo," persecuting political minorities, and called the Dies committee on un-American activities

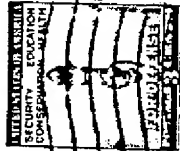
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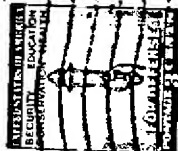


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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
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Nazism is Socialism
and Socialism is ruling the
American First Committee.
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
Charles A. Lindbergh is one
of the most powerful men on
that Committee.

Mr. Lindbergh just
ed Germany and had a
private talk with Mr. Hitler.
Before that Charles A. Lindbergh
was ^{killed} by Mr. Hauptmann
a German. This Mr. Hauptmann

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was ~~next~~ working for an official of the German party. The man he was working for would ~~that~~ take Mr. Charles Lindbergh's place, if anything happened to him.

This American First Committee believes ⁱⁿ isolation, protect not the Western Hemisphere but only the United States. If we only have to protect the U.S. why National Emergency.

Charles A. Lindbergh is one of the most powerful men behind Unions and the strikes that hold up with National Defense projects and also sabotage.

OVER

The fall of France was caused by unions and the socialist party.

The Bonds in Chicago are strong as usual. Why?

I would like the American First Committee looked into and investigated thoroughly.

If there is anything I can do to help in the investigation of sabotage or otherwise, I am at your service.

Honorably
and
Respectfully
Yours,

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P.S.

Enclosed find picture notice
nazi salute.



Hail flag— Socialist leader Norman Thomas (left) strikes this oratorical pose as he shares speaker's platform at New York America First rally with (above l. to r.), Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, "Citizen" Charles A. Lindbergh, and novelist Kathleen Norris. They're saluting flag. An estimated 20,000 attended meeting. (AP Wirephotos)

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American First Committee

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Staten Island, N.Y.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir,

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There was not over 150 at this meeting and they all agreed to what went on and then took up a collection to further the cause.

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I wanted to stand up and defend the President but dared not speak. Because I was sitting in the rear of the hall all alone and I must have been spotted because soon 3 tough looking men came and sat right around me to my rear and tried to pick an argument although I hadn't opened my mouth.

I am a Veteran of the World War and if I can help out in any way please let me know.

Yours Very Truly

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Staten Island, N.Y.

67c [REDACTED]
Staten Island, N. Y.
June 28, 1941

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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67c [REDACTED]
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Yours Very truly
[REDACTED] 67c
Staten Island, N.Y.

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Staten Island, New York

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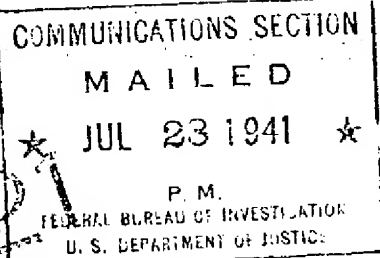
It was indeed kind of you to bring this information to my attention, and your courtesy and interest in so doing are sincerely appreciated. Should you obtain any further information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with Mr. B. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Assistant Director E. J. Connelley, with copies of incoming letter

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Altadena
California

Prin. R. [unclear]

Sir:-

In light of present national
crises I feel impelled to include
a clipping which appeared
in a Pasadena paper this
morning - Why permit the
type of meeting to continue
I have the honor to remain
your most obedient servant

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PASADENA MEMBERS OF 'AMERICA FIRST' CHEER AXIS IDEAS

Cheers for Colonel Lindbergh, silence for Adolph Hitler, boos for President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie. . .

Thus 250 members of the America First committee registered their reactions to these individuals at a meeting in the McKinley Junior High School auditorium addressed by Charles Cobb, acting chairman of the group, and Dr. Michael Francis Dillon, of the faculty at U. C. L. A.

The audience booed vigorously whenever the names of Churchill, Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, Senator Claude Pepper and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York City were mentioned by the speakers.

Doubts British Victory

Cobb told the audience that he does not believe a British victory either possible or desirable.

"Any possible establishment of the President's 'Four Freedoms' cannot ignore the national needs of a majority of the populations of the world," he said. "A British victory would confine the explosive power of the Axis."

There are new world forces at work, Cobb declared, which will result in the establishment of three great centers of power: Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

Money Down Rat Hole

"Why should the taxpayers throw \$7,000,000,000 down the rat hole of Britain's waning ambitions?" he asked. "We should campaign to repeal the lend lease bill."

He read at length from an interview in Life magazine given to former Ambassador Cudahy by Hitler, in which the Fuehrer said that at no time had his intentions toward this country been inimical. Cobb then quoted portions of a New York Times editorial answering Hitler, in which it was pointed out that declarations of friendship preceded most of Hitler's invasions.

Raising his head to look at the audience and spacing his words to permit booing for each name, Cobb then asked: "And who are the owners of the New York Times? Ochs—Adler—Sulzberger!"

Cheers For Hitler

Cobb said that most Americans regard Hitler as a liar and criminal, and added: "I am not here to eulogize or defend Hitler. He seems able to do that himself." The audience cheered.

Cobb went on to say that the Germans were forced to sign the treaty of Versailles at the "point of a gun."

"There still is such a thing as retribution," he said. "England and France are paying for their perfidy in blood, sweat and tears."

Says Public Deceived

He then mentioned the names of the President and several others who have expressed strong opposition to the Nazi aims, and declared that the people of the United States had not been told the truth about Germany.

"Did these people tell you the truth about Czechoslovakia?" he inquired. "The fact is that Czechoslovakia was a dagger pointed at the heart of Germany. But they would fight to the bitter end to save Palestine and the British empire."

Dillon scoffed at the idea that Germany had invaded democracies, listing each of the overrun countries and commenting that none of them were democratic. He pictured England as an autocracy, an "Old Man of the Seas" clinging to the backs of subject peoples.

Eulogizes Lindbergh

Referring to Lindbergh as a great patriot, he asked: "Who is the Copperhead, Lindbergh or the President?" The audience roared back: "Roosevelt!"

Dillon criticized the establishment of a camp in San Dimas for conscientious objectors, spoke against the breaking of the strike at the North American aviation plant by the army, and compared Congress to the German Reichstag.

"We are already on the road to Fascism," he said. "Europe already has it. Why should we fight to extend it?"

"American Gestapo"

He referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an "American Gestapo," persecuting political minorities, and called the Dies committee on un-American activities a "tool of the F. B. I."

"Roosevelt knows that he cannot defeat Fascism by the sword," Dillon said. The audience cheered wildly.

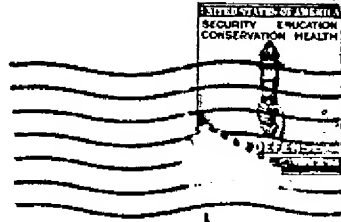
In closing the meeting, Cobb said that if the President got the country into war, "I for one will not follow him. If this be treason, make the most of it."

Copies of Social Justice, Father Coughlin's Jew-baiting weekly magazine, were sold to the members as they left the auditorium.

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DEAR MR. HOOVER :

BURTON K. PRETTY CLEVER BOYS
~~WHEELER~~ ^{Charles A} & LINDBERG —
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THEY ARE SLICK,
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Hon. Chief Edgar Hoover,
Criminal Department,
Washington,
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Hon. & Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith an article
on a speech made in San Francisco by that benighted
Lindbergh. I think such speeches are worse than the German
spires. Consult Sec. of the Interior Ickes and
President Roosevelt.

In my opinion this Hitler friend is doing much
harm to unthinking Americans.

I admire the work you are doing as a true American

Sincerely yours,

Excuse errors just getting
over a terrible accident to my spine

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Lindbergh Bitterly Attacks U. S. Alliance With Russia

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh bitterly denounced Russia at an anti-war mass meeting Tuesday night and declared "I would a hundred times rather see my country ally herself with England, or even with Germany with all her faults, than with the cruelty, the godlessness, and the barbarism that exist in soviet Russia."

"An alliance between the United States and Russia should be opposed by every American, by every Christian, and by every humanitarian in this country," Lindbergh said in an address prepared for delivery at a civic auditorium meeting sponsored by the America First committee.

Issue Becomes Confusing

Lindbergh's talk was broadcast over the National and Mutual networks.

The longer this war in Europe continues, the more confused its issues become," Lindbergh said. "When it started, Germany and Russia were lined up against England and France. Now, less than two years later, we find Russia and England fighting France and Germany."

"Winter before last, when

Russia was fighting Finland, the interventionists demanded that we send all possible aid to Finland. Now, when Russia is fighting Finland again, they demand that we send all possible aid to Russia.

Ex-Enemies, Now Allies

"The murderers and plunderers of yesterday are accepted as the valiant defenders of civilization today; and the valiant defenders of yesterday have become the wicked aggressors of today. Finland and France are now our enemies; Russia our friend. We have been asked to defend the English way of life, and the Chinese way of life. We are now asked to defend the Russian way of life.

"Judging from Europe's record, if we enter this war, we can't be sure whether we will have Russia or Germany for a partner by the time we finish it. We don't even know whether we will end up with France or England on our side. It is quite possible that we would find ourselves alone fighting the entire world before it was over.

"The only sensible thing for us to do is to build an impregnable defense for America and keep this hemisphere at peace."

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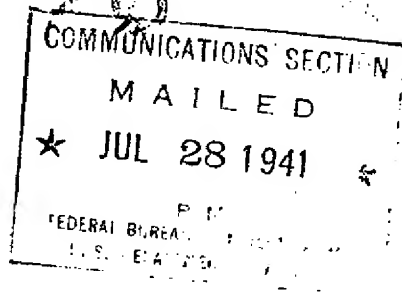
Your courtesy and interest in writing as you did are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 7-9-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-3-41	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Report received [REDACTED] reflects meeting of America First Committee occurred on June 19, 1941, attended by 250 people. Senator GERALD P. NYE, was principal speaker. His remarks in general consisted in verbal attacks on Great Britain, the Administration and the Administration's foreign policy. [REDACTED] received postcard dated June 17, 1941, advising that if he allowed the America First Committee meeting to be held, that the undersigned would stop it, signed "The Kansas City Jewish Youth Association". RAY E. ROSELEY, Chairman of Kansas City Chapter of America First Committee received card instructing him to call off the meeting. Two individuals questioned in regard to selling literature published by Workers Party in front of Scottish Rite Temple on the night of June 19, 1941, the night of the meeting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], screamed loudly of violation of civil rights at the time the two individuals were arrested selling literature without a license or permit. THOMAS V. CONRAD and Mr. STAMAN reported to be organizers of the America First Committee.

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DETAILS: The following is a report received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with meeting held by the America First Committee, Scottish Rite Temple, Linwood and Paseo Boulevards, Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1941:

"On 6-17-41, [REDACTED] received the following card: "Dear Sir: If you allow the America First meeting to be held Thursday evening at the Temple, Paseo and Linwood, we will stop it ourselves. The Kansas City Jewish Youth Association." Inquiry was made at the YMHA as to the officials of this organization and they stated that while there was no Kansas City Jewish Youth Association, there was a Kansas City Jewish Youth Federation, headed by HANS LAMM, which has practically been disbanded.

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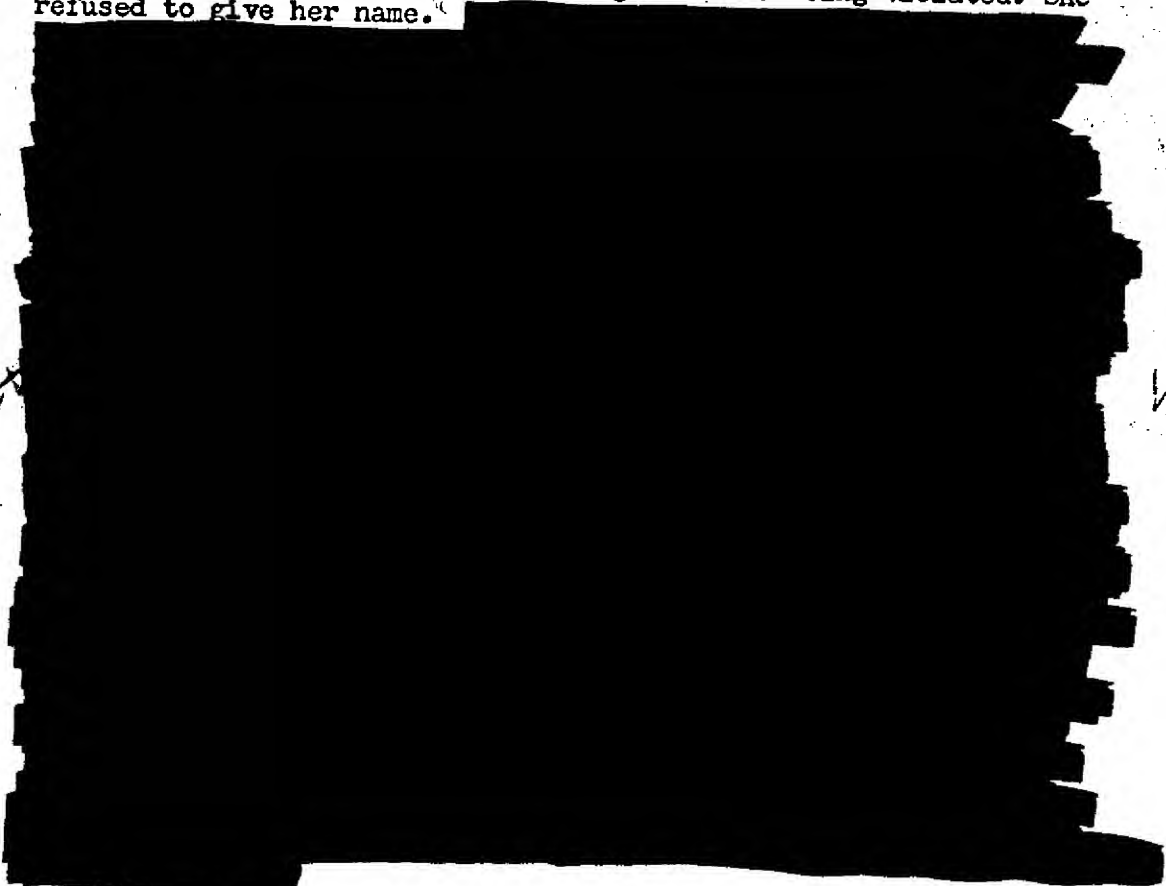
On the night of 6-19-41, RAY F. MOSELEY, chairman of the Kansas City chapter of the America First Committee, said he received the following card on 6-18-41: "Call off the meeting Thursday night of the America First at Linwood and Paseo, or we will stop it. A member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association." He was unable to account for the sender. However, it is noticed that the handwriting on this card is the same as that received by [REDACTED]

The meeting of the America First Committee at the Scottish Rite Temple, Linwood and Paseo, on 6-19-41, was attended by approximately 250 people. Senator Gerald P. Nye was the principle speaker and his remarks, in the main, consisted in verbal attacks on Great Britain, President Roosevelt and the President's Foreign Policy. He criticized the closing of the German Consulates, seizure of foreign ships in American ports and the assistance Great Britain is receiving from the United States. He condemned the ideals and courage of the Allies, but remained strangely silent about the Axis-Partners, saying nothing either for or against them. On the stage the same time with Senator Nye were Ray F. Moseley, Hal Luhnnow, David B. Childs, Dr.

Bruce R. Trimble and the Reverend Joseph Cleveland. A group picture of these men was taken, with the exception of the Reverend Joseph Cleveland on the grounds of "People might misunderstand my connection with the America First Committee." It was an orderly meeting with the exception of a few "Boos". Observed attending this meeting were Louis P. MacAdams (newscaster KCMO) who signed a petition protesting the enactment of Missouri House Bill 312, outlawing the Communist Party in Missouri, and Evan Hammett (See FBI letter of 12-31-40).

Before the meeting began police officers observed two people in front of the Scottish Rite Temple selling literature. Inquiry was made if a license or permit had been obtained from City Hall officials to sell the literature. None had been procured. Thereupon, the officer noted that the literature being sold was published by the Worker's Party and was entitled "Plain Talk on War". When these officers told these two people they were under arrest for selling literature without a permit, a lady approached the scene screaming loudly "civil rights" were being violated. She refused to give her name.

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[REDACTED] came to the Kansas City office and advised that Mr. THOMAS V. CONRAD, Room 209, Keith and Perry Building, Kansas City, Missouri, residence 1029 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and Mr. STAMAN, first name unknown, also in Room 209, Keith and Perry Building, Kansas City, Missouri, were organizers of the America First Committee. [REDACTED] saw Mr. CONRAD with cards soliciting membership into the America First Committee. According to [REDACTED] Mr. CONRAD claims to be Irish, but is actually Pennsylvania Dutch and Mr. STAMAN was interned during World War I for making seditious remarks. [REDACTED] further stated that Mr. STAMAN has

made the remark that "he hoped that Germany would bust England
and every ----- that was for England." [REDACTED]

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KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

* At Springfield, Missouri

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b2D After July 15, 1941, will contact [REDACTED] for subsequent developments in this matter.

Will contact [REDACTED] and will ascertain if [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

b7c Will establish whether [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a well known Communist, are identical persons.

* At Kansas City, Missouri

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[REDACTED] for the purpose of obtaining developments in regard to progress of the America First Committee.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW P. McGUIRE

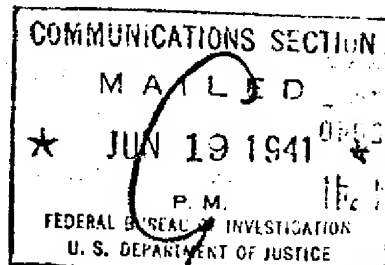
Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 11, 1941, enclosing a copy of a memorandum forwarded to the Attorney General on that date, regarding the interest taken by various Axis consular officials in the rally held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1941, by the America First Committee, and before which Charles A. Lindbergh was one of the principal speakers.

With reference to the inquiry by Mr. Alexander Holtzoff, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, as to whether this information had been furnished to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., please be advised that the identical information was furnished by letter dated June 11, 1941, to the Department of State.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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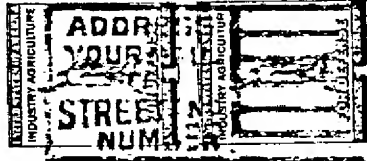
Gentlemen:

A woman by the name of [REDACTED] stopping at the Hotel Woodstock, on West 43rd Street, New York, strikes me as being a Nazi agent. She is connected with the organizations "Women United" and "America First Committee", taking an active part in both.

It is because of Fifth Columnists in America that I pass this on to you.

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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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A woman by the name of [REDACTED] stopping at the Hotel Woodstock, on West 43rd Street, New York, strikes me as being a Nazi agent. She is connected with the organization "Women United" and "America First Committee", taking an active part in both.

It is because I fear the threat of Fifth Columnists in America that I pass this on to you.

Anonymous

Postmarked at Brooklyn, N.Y.,
July 11, 1941

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August 2, 1941

Assistant Director E. J. Connelley,
New York, New York

Re: [REDACTED] 67c

Internal Security

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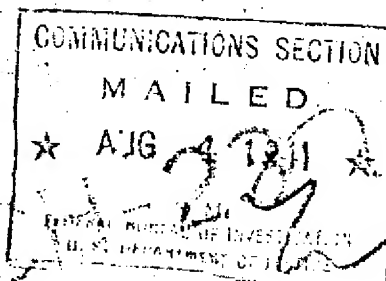
For your information, I am transmitting herewith
copies of an undated anonymous communication received at
the Bureau in an envelope postmarked at Brooklyn, New York,
on July 11, 1941.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Birmingham, Alabama
July 11, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] informed me on June 25th that the America First Committee had opened an office in Birmingham at 2006 1/2 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, under the directorship of C. C. CROWE, and who has associated with him DR. WILLIAM H. WELLS, said to be a Canadian citizen, chiropractor, and soldier of fortune. Wells is supposed to have served in the World War, the Spanish-American War, and the Boxer Rebellion.

I am enclosing a clipping which appeared in the Birmingham News of June 25th concerning this.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Lindbergh And Others May Be Brought Here By Committee Branch

Headquarters Set Up In City For Campaign To Prevent Entry Into War

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and other America First Committee speakers may be brought to Birmingham in a non-war "blitz" to be launched in Alabama by a branch of the committee just established here under the directorship of C. C. Crowe, attorney, who said he had been designated state chairman for the anti-war group.

Crowe, formerly of Birmingham, who said he had lived recently in Indiana and Maryland, established committee headquarters in offices at 2006½ Fourth Avenue, North.

Among those associated with Crowe is William H. Wells, said to be a Canadian citizen, chiropractor and soldier of fortune. Wells was said to have served in the World War, Spanish-American War, Boer War and Boxer Rebellion.

Crowe, who said he served in the U. S. Army Tank Corps during the World War, is mapping plans to conduct an Alabama drive against American intervention in the European conflict and said that various speakers would be heard in a series of radio talks aimed at preventing sending U. S. soldiers overseas again.

"There is no excuse for sending our boys to Europe or any foreign country again," said Crowe. "It must not be permitted again."

He said that the non-war drive, which would be directed at highly pro-British and Pro-Allies Alabama, would make a special appeal to mothers to help keep their sons at home and prevent them from being sent to foreign battlefields.

As for England, Crowe said he and his group favored aiding the British with war materials and supplies—"everything but men" and "giving till it hurts" to help Britain win the war. But, he added, mothers and fathers must be convinced American boys must never again be sent to battle and die on foreign soil.

The committee's anti-war chairman for Alabama said a number of citizens in Birmingham and Alabama had already aligned themselves with the movement and that the non-war "blitz" to be carried on principally by radio, soon would begin in earnest.

Crowe said he and his group planned an early meeting in the new committee headquarters to map plans for the campaign in this state.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
June 25, 1941

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Brooklyn, N. Y. July 14 1941

Federal Bureau of Investigation;
Washington. D. C.

Mr. Hoover:

Dear Sir; I am an American born citizen

have a son in the U.S. Army at Hawaii;

I found the enclosed pamphlet in my door to-day, and from the wording at the top, I wouldn't be surprised if there is German propaganda behind this rally.

I live in Ridgewood which is densely populated with Germans.

I thought it would be a good idea to have some of your agents at this meeting, and see who is behind this rally.

Very truly yours.

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**ARE YOU
AN AMERICAN CITIZEN?**

Opposed to Communism, Nazism and Facism?
Opposed to Convoys?
Opposed to American Boys Going into Foreign Wars?



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

RALLY
OF THE

**GLENDALÉ UNIT
America First Committee**

Thursday Evening July 17th, 1941

AT EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK

At Queens Sport Center

(Formerly Moose Temple)

69-23 CYPRESS HILLS STREET

GLENDALÉ, N. Y.

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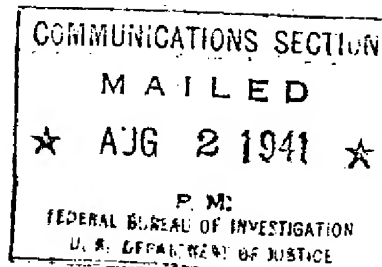
Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Edgar J. Hoover, Director
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:-

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'America First' Drive Starts Here



ORGANIZERS—The America First committee, engaged in a national campaign to keep the United States out of the war, opened headquarters here in the Perrine building Friday and started a drive to organize an Oklahoma City chapter. Herbert K. Hyde, attorney, will be temporary chairman of the local group. Pictured above are the organizers who came here from St. Louis. Left to right, Edward G. Cobb, Mrs. Don Lohbeck and Don Lohbeck.

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Anti-War Group Opens Office

Wheeler Organization To Be Tried Here

The America First Committee opened offices in the Perrine building Friday and set about organizing an Oklahoma City chapter in its fight to keep the United States out of the war.

Three young organizers from St. Louis set up the headquarters in room 408 and announced Herbert K. Hyde, former United States district attorney would be temporary chairman of the local chapter.

Don Lohbeck, one of the organizers, said a rally would be held here late this month and an effort is being made to bring Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, one of the leaders of the non-interventionist group, as chief speaker.

Other Organizers Named

Lohbeck announced that other Oklahoma City residents who will take a part in the organization drive for the local chapter are Victor Mead, attorney; Rev. H. H. Lindeman, superintendent of the Oklahoma Congregational Conference, and Miss Mildred Simpson, 2642 Northwest Thirteenth street, office secretary of the conference.

Lohbeck, his wife and Edward G. Cobb, all of St. Louis, are the organizers sent here to set up chapters in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

"We are not trying to sell anybody anything," Lohbeck said. "All we want to do is bring together the great majority of the people who already are against our entry into this war. We will provide the means for them to get together."

40 Members Claimed

Cobb said there are already about 40 members of the committee in Oklahoma City. The committee, he said, now is working to obtain members through lists of persons in the city and state who sent contributions to the committee in Chicago and through a list of others who wrote to the committee expressing views on the war.

Generally speaking, the committee contends that 80 percent of the people in the United States are against entry into the war but their voice has not been heard and they must be organized to avert the nation's "sneaking into the war," in the words of Lohbeck.

"Non-involvement in the war and building of an impregnable defense—a hemisphere defense over here," said Cobb, "is our prime platform. The committee also now is working for passage of a joint congressional resolution for a national referendum to let the people vote on whether they want to enter this war or not."

War to End Group

He cited the fact that General Robert E. Wood, Chicago, president of the organization, had asserted that if the nation goes to war the committee will be disbanded for its sole aim then would have been eliminated.

Lohbeck is 23 years old and is a concert pianist by profession, he said. He studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y., the University of Chicago, in New York and the Ecole Normale, Paris. His wife, Virginia Lohbeck, also is from St. Louis. Cobb is 30 years old, attended Washington university in St. Louis and worked for an investment company and a railroad before joining the committee. Expenses of all three are paid by the committee.

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Edgar J_Hoover, Director
Washington_ D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find clipping of importance to your
Dept_of Justice. Just a bunch of meddlers.

Your Respectfully,

(signed)

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August 9, 1941

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated July 12, 1941, with enclosures. I want to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in writing as you did.

You may be assured that the content of your letter, as well as the enclosures, has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Hon. Edgar J. Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

July 16, 1941

Dear Sir:

Please read the enclosed
printed matter I received from
the president of the Elliott Free Civic
Organization of which I am a member.

I believe its outrageous and
a disgrace that business of the
American First Committee should

be brought forth ^{ack 8/8/41} on the floor
of a local civic organization.

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They are even trying to
relieve membership from our
organization.
Don't you think that our president
your organization needs to be investigated?
Yours truly

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60TH AVENUE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
OF QUEENS, INC.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Association will be held at the meeting hall, 84th Street and 60th Avenue, on Friday, July 18th, 1941, at 8:30 P.M. to take action on the following:

1. A resolution that this Association send to all the members of Congress a mimeographed letter urging them to vote in favor of the following:

(a) An amendment to the Lend-Lease Act providing that the President of the United States shall not extend any aid under the Act to Soviet Russia.

(b) An amendment to the Neutrality Act directing the President of the United States to apply the provisions of the Act to Soviet Russia.

(c) A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the armed forces of the United States shall not be sent to fight outside United States territory except upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the American people in a national popular referendum, such proposed amendment to be submitted to conventions in the several States.

2. A resolution that the Secretary of this Association

write to President Roosevelt requesting him to re-

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move Secretaries Stimson, Knox, Ickes, Morgenthau and Wickard from his Cabinet, replacing them with men who will concentrate on building up the defenses of the United States and who will not attempt to maneuver this country into the war; and authorizing the officers of this Association to circulate a petition to the same effect among the members of the Association for their signatures and to send the said petition to President Roosevelt.

3. A resolution that this Association donate to the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

4. A resolution instructing the Board of Directors of this Association to rescind a resolution adopted at a special meeting held June 30, 1941, purporting to correct and interpret a resolution adopted by the members of this Association at a regular meeting held June 6, 1941, authorizing the President of this Association to appeal to the members for support for the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, on the ground that the said purported action of the Board of Directors was beyond their jurisdiction and is therefore illegal, invalid, null and void, and further instructing the Board of Directors not to attempt to re-instate their said purported resolution, either in whole or in part, at any time in the future.

5. Any other business which may be brought before the meeting.

It is suggested that members take this notice to the meeting with them, so that they may readily follow the order of business and the consideration of the various items.

MURIEL BENLISA,
Secretary.

JAY F. TIFFANY
President.

JAY F. TIFFANY
60-35 83rd STREET
ELMHURST, NEW YORK

I M P O R T A N T M E S S A G E

MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

I earnestly appeal to all of you to become supporters of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE. My reasons for making this appeal are the following:

All of us pay Federal taxes. Whether we pay an income tax or not, we pay hidden Federal taxes every day of our lives. Anyone who smokes a pack of cigarettes every day pays \$17.72 in Federal taxes in the course of a year. When you women buy cosmetics, eleven per cent of the price consists of a hidden Federal excise tax. When we buy an automobile, a tire, an inner tube, a radio, a refrigerator, gasoline or lubricating oil, part of the purchase price consists of a Federal excise tax. If we go to the theater or the movies, we pay a Federal tax on the admission charge. We can't even drink a glass of beer without having part of our dime go to the brewer to reimburse him for the tax which he pays to the Federal Government on every gallon of beer which he brews.

Next year these taxes will all be increased because of the defense program.

Most of us pay a Federal income tax. This year some of you may have paid an income tax for the first time in your lives, because of the lowering of the personal exemptions.

Next year our income taxes will be drastically increased. They will be anywhere from three to six times as large as they were this year. For example, if you paid a tax of \$11. this year on an income of \$2,500., you will pay between \$44. and \$72. next year, according to the tax plans now pending in

Congress; and if you paid a tax of \$31. on an income of \$3,000., next year you will pay between \$97. and \$152.

BUT IF AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR, OUR TAXES WILL NOT BE INCREASED THREE, FOUR, FIVE OR SIX TIMES. THEY WILL BE INCREASED TEN, FIFTEEN OR EVEN TWENTY TIMES. THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND ARE PAYING ONE-THIRD OR ONE-HALF OF THEIR INCOMES TO THEIR GOVERNMENT IN TAXES, AND WE WILL BE DOING THE SAME THING IN THIS COUNTRY UNLESS WE KEEP AMERICA OUT OF THE WAR.

When we are threatened with a paving or sewer assessment of \$50. or \$75. two or three thousand of us go to Lost Battalion Hall and shout down the politicians who are trying to assess us. We should be much more aroused when a very small minority of people in this country, many of whom are not even American citizens, are trying to push us into a war which will cost each one of us not \$50. or \$75. but hundreds of dollars per year for the rest of our lives.

I have said that a very small minority are trying to push us into war. Even the Gallup poll shows that only 20 per cent of the persons interviewed want war. Probably the actual number of people in this country who want war is as small as 5 or 10 per cent of the adult population. The following letter appeared recently in the New York World-Telegram:

"I am an insurance man, who in the course of a year comes into personal contact with at least several thousand persons in all walks of life. During the last 12 months I have made it a point to ask all I have come in contact with this question:

'Do you favor our entry into war, even if Britian is defeated?'

Invariably, the answer has been 'No'. Furthermore, and this is interesting, I have yet to meet a person who has been interviewed by the Gallup poll."

Senator Wagner said in a recent press interview that his mail is running 100 to 1 against convoys, which would lead us to war

If so few people want war, then why are we deluged with war propaganda? The answer is that the warmakers are organized, influential and well-financed. There are at least five of them in President Roosevelt's Cabinet; they determine the editorial policy of many newspapers and magazines; and they control the production of motion pictures so completely that they have been able to pour down our throats a strong dose of war medicine with their anti-Nazi films (but they never produce an anti-Communist film).

There are two things which the 90 or 95 per cent of us who are opposed to war can do in order to offset the propaganda of the war-makers.

1. We can send a letter or a post-card to each of our Senators and Representatives telling them that we are opposed to American entry into the war, that we are opposed to convoys, that we are opposed to any amendment of the Neutrality Act, and that we favor legislation providing for a national popular referendum before any declaration of war shall be made by Congress. Such letters and post-cards should be sent to the following:

Hon. Robert F. Wagner,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. James M. Moad,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Caroline O'Day,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Matthew J. Merritt,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. William B. Barry,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

When you write take care to sign your name clearly and to put your address on your letter or post-card, so that the Senators and Representatives will know that you are among their constituents. When you write to Representative Barry, let him know that you appreciate the work which he has been doing to keep America at peace. As you can see from the enclosed copy of a letter which Representative Barry has sent to his constituents who have written him in opposition to convoys, he has taken his stand with those of us who do not want American boys to die for the defense of "democracy in China and India (and now Russia).

2. We can join the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, which is daily growing in strength and which, if it grows strong enough, will be able to compel the Administration to keep this country at peace. A small contribution to the Committee now will enable it to carry on its work and will save each one of us hundreds of dollars in war taxes. If you will sign the enclosed card and return it to me, one of my volunteer helpers or I will call on you to enroll you in the America First Committee.

The same clique of Judas Iscariots who sold the lives of American soldiers to the Allies for thirty pieces of silver in 1917 are working night and day to put over the same deal again. They have the help of the anti-Christian Communist Party with all its powerful propaganda agencies and all its smirking, hypocritical admirers and fellow travellers, from Mrs. Roosevelt down to Mayor LaGuardia. Unless the rest of us start fighting for peace, American boys will be dying in England, Russia, China and Africa before the end of this year, and the common people of America will be picked clean by the tax-collectors.

Sincerely yours,

JAY F. TIFFANY.

C O P Y
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
May 21, 1941

Dear Constituent:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter regarding convoys.

I am absolutely opposed to this Nation sending its fleet to convoy through any war zone; as the President said, "convoys mean shooting and shooting means war".

I earnestly request you to send a letter of protest to the President, and also write to at least three friends, requesting them to do likewise and have them in turn write to at least three friends more; in other words, start a chain letter system against the drive for convoys and war.

In spite of propaganda and hysteria of a frightened minority, this Nation can successfully defend the Western Hemisphere from attack by any possible combination of enemies.

The argument that we will lose our foreign trade with Europe, Asia and Africa and strangle economically if England does not win is absurd. In the first place, our foreign trade with those continents amounts to only 3½% of our entire business. In the second place, we have been competing successfully for many years with dictatorship nations where the so-called slave labor exists. As a matter of fact, since 1930 up until the outbreak of the War, our foreign trade doubled, and during those years we competed with and traded with all of the totalitarian countries; and strange as it may seem the lowest wage scale in the world exists in "Democratic" China, and the next lowest wage scale is in British India, another alleged democracy where coal miners are paid 90¢ a week, jute workers \$1.25 a week and industrial workers \$1.35 a week. Child labor is prevalent, and the average wage for it is 70¢ a month.

The destiny of this Nation is not dependent upon any other nation outside of the Western Hemisphere, where we can be self-sufficient if necessary.

It is my conviction that if the men who suffered at Valley Forge, and founded this Nation, were alive today, they would gaze with amazement and shame at the small minority of Americans who are hysterically proclaiming that this great and powerful nation of 130 million people cannot defend itself without the aid of the British Navy.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Barry
Member of Congress.

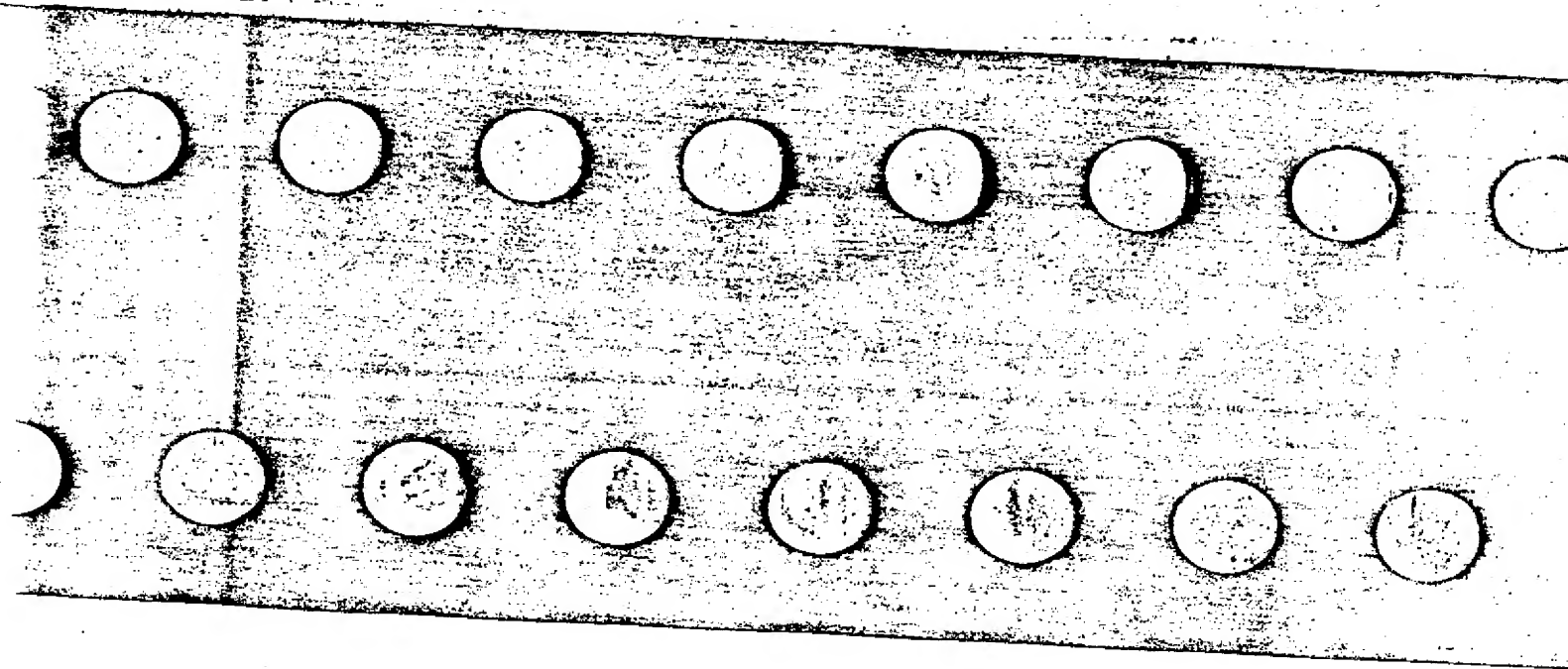
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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 16, 1941, with enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in writing as you did are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 12, 1941

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RE: AMERICA FOR AMERICANS

New York, N. Y.

June 14, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

Information has been received from an unknown outside source dated June 14, 1941, at New York City, to the effect that the following is reported by "The Hour:"

"The America First Committee is adopting the fascist slogan of 'America for Americans'. This slogan has been appearing consistently in the press of the German-American Bund, the Silver Shirts, the Christian Front and other U. S. Fifth Column groups. At the most recent America First meeting in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, 'America for Americans' was the theme of the evening. When Congressman Dewey Short declared, 'This country was founded by Americans and is for the benefit of 100% Americans -- not alien elements who are enemies of the Republic,' the Coughlinite audience rose to its feet, wildly applauding.

"Another orator received with great enthusiasm at the Bay Ridge meeting was Representative Hamilton Fish, who referred to the role of the 'international bankers' in dragging the United States into the Second World War; the reference was greeted by the audience with cries of 'The Jews! The Jews!' The Congressman smiled at this demonstration and continued, 'We don't want any alien philosophies in this country. This is a Christian American nation, and we want to keep it both Christian and American. America for the Americans -- that should be the cry of the America First Committee.'

"It is fitting that the America First Committee, which has become a rallying point for anti-democratic forces should adopt as its official slogan the battle cry of American Fascism."

Respectfully,

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Mr. Walter Winchell,
Daily Mirror,
235 E. 45 St.,
N.Y.C.

Dear Walter:

Despite protestations to the contrary by certain White Russians, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has evidence that a group of them are working with pro-Nazi elements in this country and abroad. Their latest tack has been to join the America First Committee. One Czarist GRAND has already become a key figure in the N.Y. chapter...

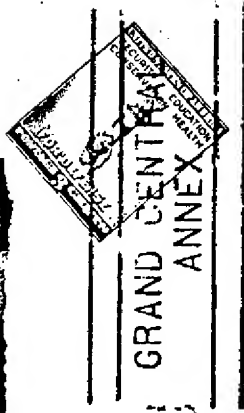
We're releasing this story in detail next week, but you're welcome to use it in any way Sunday night or Monday.

I've been wanting to ask if I might submit a column for August, but missed you several times at the Stork. I'd like to send you one which could be used in any manner, omitting the name of the League, if you prefer.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

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July 30, 1941

Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
New York, New York

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

The following information was received at this Bureau
from a confidential source:

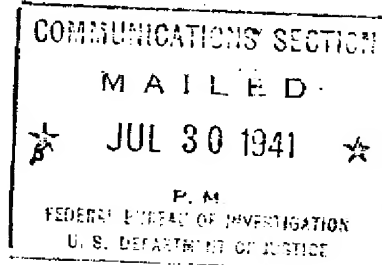
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White Russians, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has
evidence that a group of them are working with pro-Nazi
elements in this country and abroad. Their latest tack
has been to join the America First Committee. One
Czarist Baron has already become a key figure in the
New York chapter."

These data are being furnished for your information only.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
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607 U. S. Court House

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New York, N. Y.

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July 23, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the information and scrutiny of the Bureau are copies of the following papers and publications put out by the America First Committee in conjunction with that organization's rally which was held in Madison Square Garden, New York City on the night of May 23, 1941:

Undated form letter written by Henry E. Mooberry, director of publicity, America First Committee which transmitted press tickets for the rally.

List of sponsors of the rally.

List of patriotic songs which were sung at the rally.

Text of Charles A. Lingbergh's address.

List of telegrams sent to the rally.

Text of address of John T. Flynn.

Text of address of Norman Thomas.

Text of address of Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

All of the above was turned over to this office

by [redacted] Copies of the same are not being retained in this office.

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan
T. J. DONEGAN, Acting for
E. J. CONNELLEY,

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cc NY File 65-3137

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am not complaining about graft in Government; that is, abuse of the franking privilege, but I am complaining about Senator Wheeler's misuse in this latest episode in an effort to cause dissension in our Army and other citizenry.

Why should \$10,000 be grabbed out of the pocketbooks of American taxpayers by Senator Wheeler for the purpose of destroying the progress we have made in building up our national defense? To put it mildly, it is a polite and courteous program of hijacking. The saddest part is that his influence might be more costly than the money he spent.

Personally, I consider Senator Wheeler just as dangerous as Paul Kassey. If a senator can be impeached, I am in favor of

Sen. Burton
W. Wheeler
First Committee

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immediate proceedings.

As an American citizen, I should be greatly relieved to know that the F. B. I. was investigating this case carefully and thoroughly.

Very truly yours,

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New York, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 25, 1941.

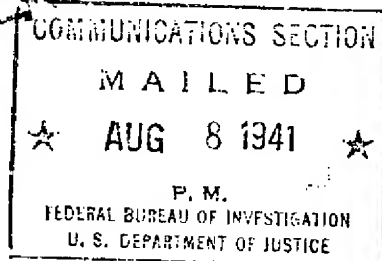
Please be advised that your communication has been made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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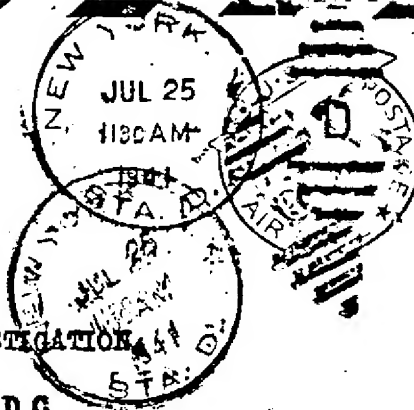
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Day Letter

DEMAND YOU ADVISE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY THRU PRESS AND YOUR ~~DEFENDER~~ MAGAZINE WHY
BIXTON R
YOU GAVE SENATOR WHEELER LIST OF NAMES AND WHY YOU SEEK TO DEMORALIZE MORAL OF
OF OUR COUNTRY AND DISRUPT OUR ARMY AND WHY YOU KNOWING THAT OUR PRESIDENT
RECENTLY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY YOU ALLOW YOUR OFFICES TO BE USED AND NO
DOUBT WITH YOUR CONSENT TRY CAUSE DISUNITY IN THIS COUNTRY GRANTING THAT WHEELER
YOU AND LINDBERG MAY HAVE SOME GOOD POINTS BOUT OUR DEMOCRACY IS THAT MAJORITY
RULES AND SUGGEST THAT YOU ABIDE BY MAJORITY DECISION

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